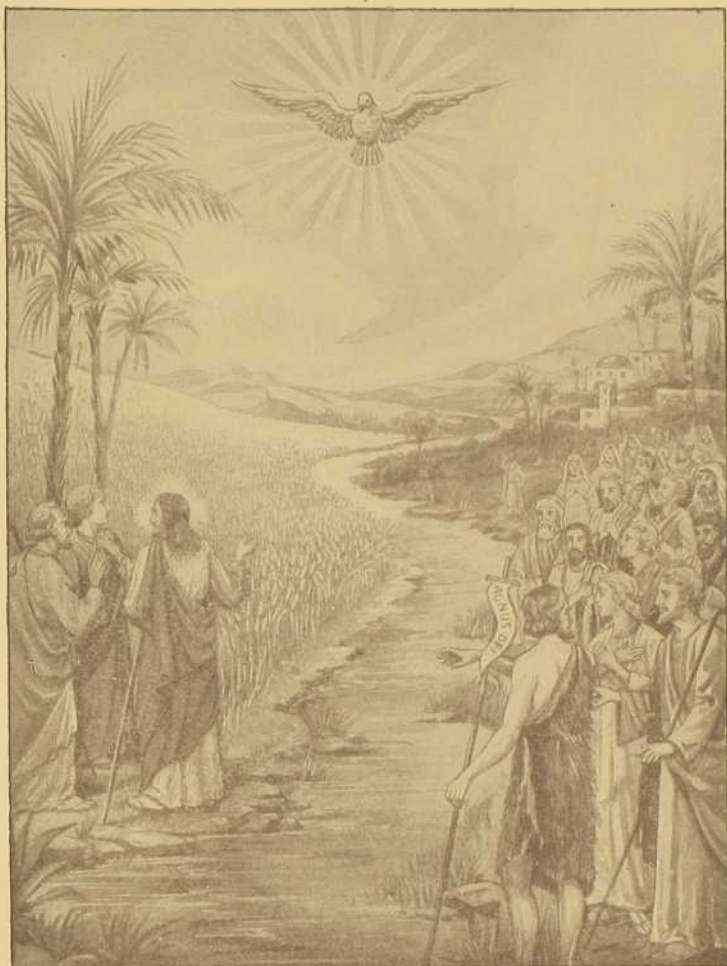


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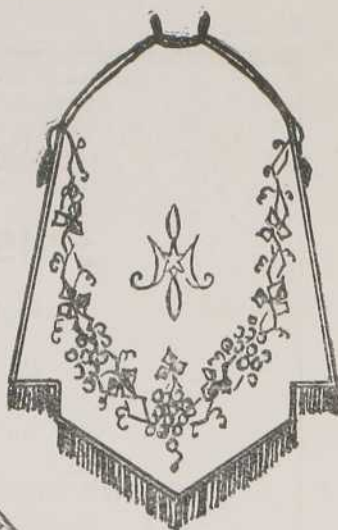
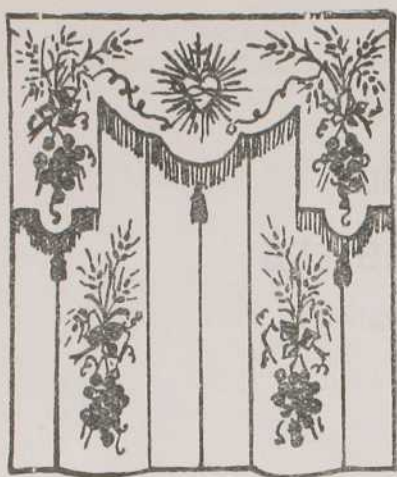
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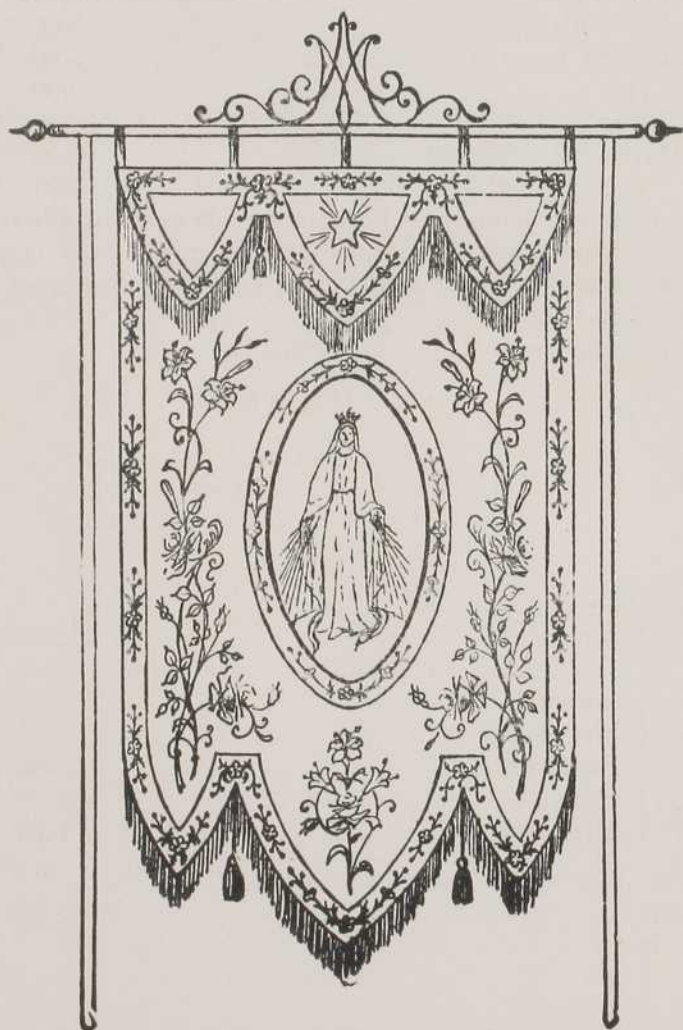
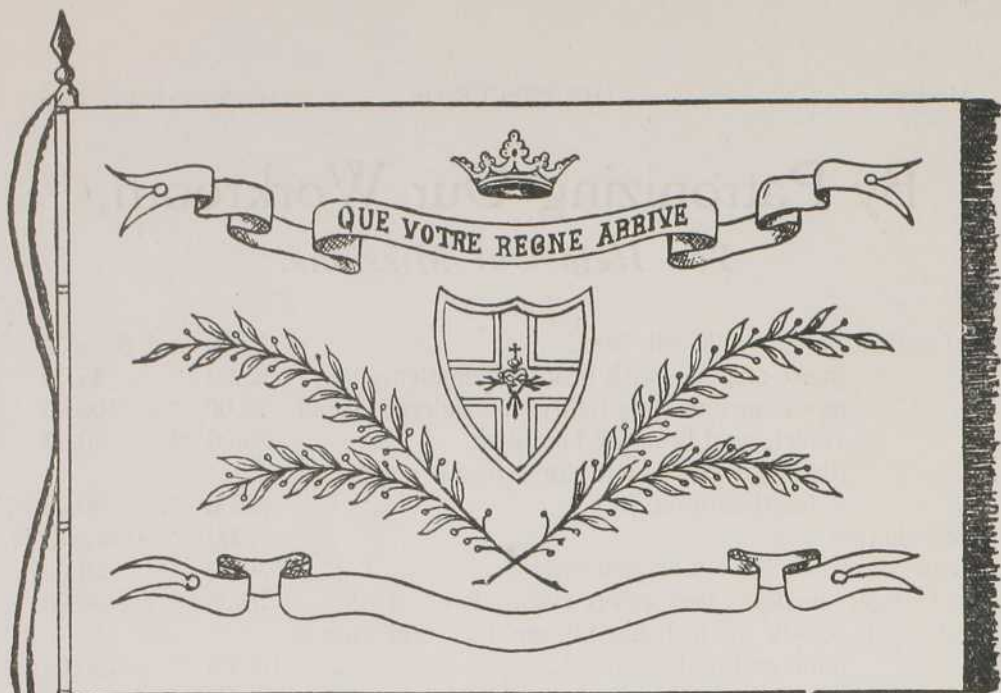
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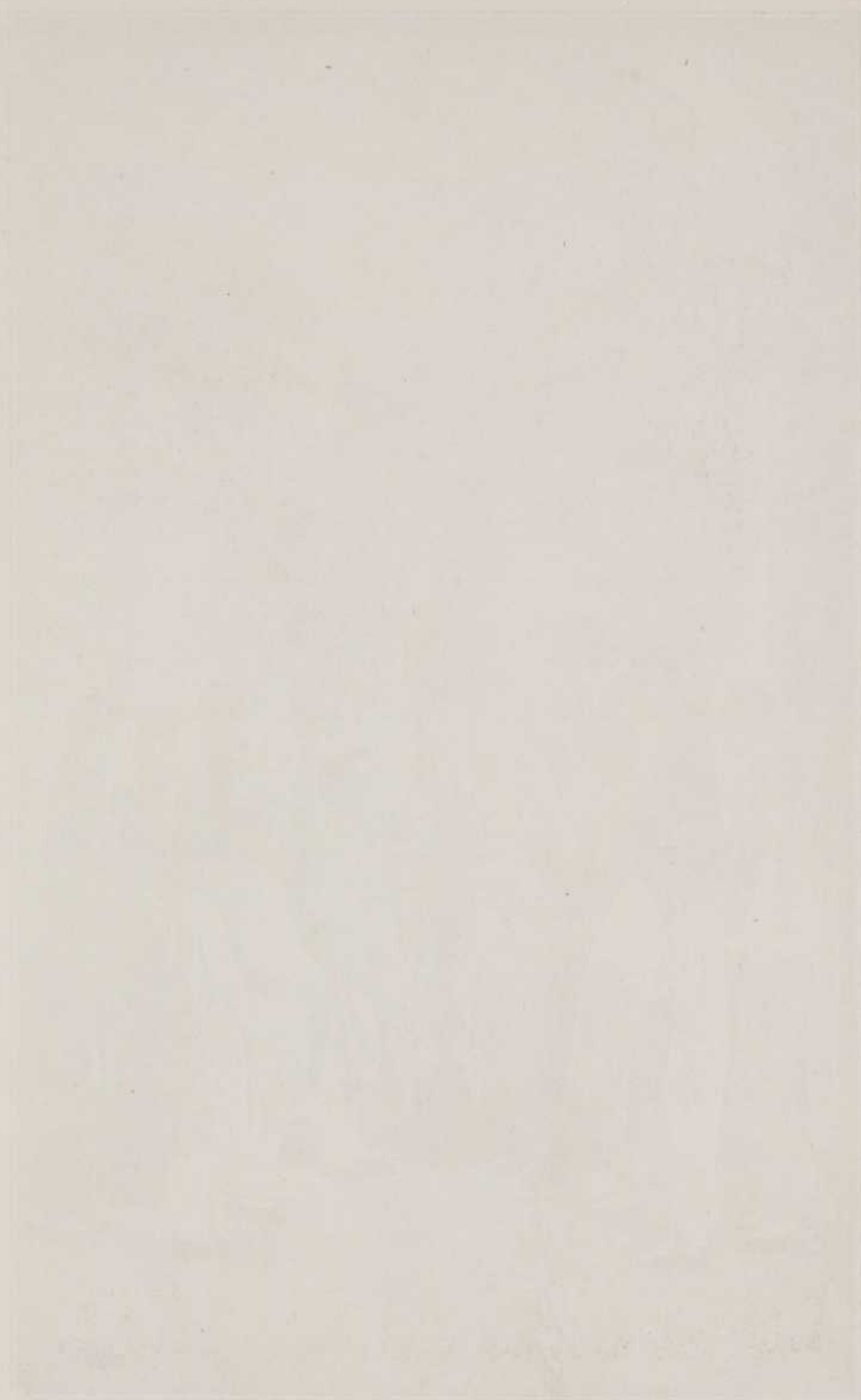
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Our Holy Father Pope Pius XI
Now Gloriously Reigning



The Sovereign Pontiff ever stands before us as commander-in chief in the grand army of the Church... Are new nations to be converted to the faith? There is the Holy Father clothing the missionaries with authority, and giving his blessing to the work.

Cardinal Gibbons.

The Feast of the Purification of the Most Blessed Virgin

THE Feast of the Purification dates back to the early centuries of the Church. In several places, the Christians gradually became less fervent, and, as a result, this feast was abolished. However, in 541, during the Pontificate of Pope Vigilius, the pious emperor Justinian saw to re-establishing it. In that year, the plague, after carrying off nearly all the people of Egypt and spreading over the different provinces of the Roman Empire, seemed to wish to cause destruction everywhere. The Emperor, dreading the terrible scourge, had recourse to Mary Immaculate, and, placing himself under her protection, declared that those who refused to solemnly observe the Feast of the Purification would be severely punished. The Blessed Virgin, by causing the calamity to end, immediately, let it be known that such a solemnity was very pleasing to her. Baronius believes that it was Pope Gelasius who instituted this feast in the East, in the aim of doing away with the superstitious practices of the pagans, which were carried out in the early part of February. But it is quite probable that he only re-established it, and that, according to Pope Benedict XIV it dates back to the time of the Apostles.

The Feast of the Purification is known as Candlemas, on account of the candles that are blessed on this festival and which the faithful hold during the Office. It has also been named the Feast of St. Simeon and St. Ann, owing to the part which these two saints played on that memorable day.

Among the Greeks, this feast is known as the *Meeting*. In fact, several meetings are to be remarked, the greatest being that of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin with Simeon and Ann, when the Infant Jesus is held by each of them in turn. On this occasion, sorrow is mixed with happiness, and fear with transports of joy.

The expressive names given to the feast, remind one of the three great events of which the Church perpetuates the memory, by the celebration of it. The procession which precedes the Mass, and the singing, particularly remind the faithful of the coming of the Blessed Virgin to the Temple and of her purification.

Forty days after the birth of our Saviour, Mary, carrying the Divine Child, and accompanied by St. Joseph, went on foot to Jerusalem. Joseph, the chaste spouse of the purest of virgins, and Mary, the Immaculate Mother of the Word made flesh, brought to Jerusalem their first-born Son, in order to consecrate Him to God. A divine ray of light seemingly escaped from the brow of the Holy Child, and was gracefully reflected on the features of His loving parents. The holy travellers were excorted by angels, and the acclamations they made were such as are to be found in the Scriptures.

It is in memory of the sublime procession which wended its way to the Temple, forty days after the birth of Christ, that Pope Sergius established

the one that is held on the Feast of the Purification. In virtue of the prayers of the Church, the candles which are carried, procure those who piously make use of them, health of mind and of body, whether by land or by water, the light of Faith, and the splendours of Paradise. They are, besides, a symbol of Our Lord Jesus Christ. "The wax, the product of the virginal bee," St. Anselm says, "represents Christ's most spotless body; the wick inclosed in the wax and forming one with it, represents His soul." That is why the choir sings during the distribution of the blessed candles: "A light to enlighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel." During the procession is sung this admirable anthem: "Do thou O Sion, deck out thy chamber, and welcome Christ the King: greet Mary who is Heaven's Gate: for she beareth the King of Glory of the new light: she cometh, a virgin bringing in her arms the Son begotten before the day-star: whom Simeon, taking into his arms, proclaimed to the people to be the Lord of life and death, and the Saviour of the world."

The priest who, that particular week, acted as the purifier, hastily repaired to the spot where those desirous of being purified were waiting. On coming to the Blessed Virgin, who was on her knees, he received from her one of the birds which she had brought as an offering, and, after carrying it to the altar on which the holocausts were offered, he returned, sprinkled Mary with water, and prayed over her and the holy Infant. When the prayer was ended, Mary climbed the steps leading to the Temple, to there present her divine Child.

That is why, at the end of the procession, the faithful, on entering the church, joyfully sing the following responsory: "They offered for Him unto the Lord a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons, as it is written in the law of the Lord. After the days of the purification of Mary, according to the law of Moses, were fulfilled, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost."

Let us, during these holy ceremonies, reflect on all this. While the procession is taking place, let us think of the beautiful procession which was held on this same day, when Jesus, Mary and Joseph were escorted by a legion of wondering angels. Let us be so fervent that we may be taken for angels ourselves. While we have the blessed candles in our hands, let us be full of faith and love. Let us think of the humility, the deep recollection, the more than angelic charity, the ineffable happiness, and the incomparable sanctity of Mary. Let us love her and sing her praises!

— *Extract from "La Reine du Paradis," by Rev. Chas. Rolland.*

The life of Blessed Mary is a rule for all Christians. In her actions we find a perfect model, which leaves us ignorant of nothing which needs reforming in us: what we have to do and to avoid.

St. Augustine.

Closed Retreats at St. Johns, Que.

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Mgr. A. Forget, Bishop of St. Johns, Que., a new work, that of Closed Retreats, will, in the future, be carried on in that city and in the different parishes of the Diocese of St. Johns.

The Villa dedicated to St. John de la Lande, which was lately built by the Jesuit Fathers, is situated in a quiet spot, and men and boys will therein find the comfort needed during the days of recollection and prayer.

At the Retreat House dedicated to St. Bernadette, which is in charge of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, ladies and girls will find a peaceful oasis where they may listen to the voice of their loving Master.

For any information concerning these retreats, which will be preached by the Jesuit Fathers, apply to the Reverend Father Superior of the Villa, or to the Reverend Sister Directress of the Retreat House dedicated to St. Bernadette.

Special Guard of Honour to the Blessed Virgin

On the first Saturday of every month, from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M., a special Guard of Honour is made before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, in the chapel of the Mother House of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 314 St. Catherine Road, Outremont, for the people of the world, of any age or station in life.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a short talk on the prerogatives of the Mother of God is given, after which there is Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Persons desirous of taking part in this chorus of love, gratitude, reparation and supplication will be most welcome.

Votive lights in honor of the Blessed Virgin


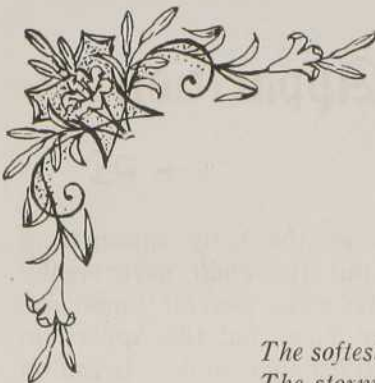
*In the chapel of the Missionary Sisters
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To comply with the desire of several pious persons devoted to the Blessed Virgin, we are pleased to quote the prices of lamps and candles that may be burned at Mary's shrine in our modest chapel, in thanksgiving or to obtain some favor from this tender Mother.

Lamp or candle	{	10 cents each
		75 cents for a novena
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Feast of the Apparition of the Most Blessed Virgin at Lourdes: February 11th.



Purity

*The softest zephyr that stirs the trees,
The stormy gale or the sunlit breeze,
The winds of heaven that blow so free,
All whisper and breathe of purity.*

*The snow-white clouds in a summer sky,
Like islands of fairyland floating by,
Hold forth one picture for all to see —
A vision of spotless purity.*

*O'er boundless ocean all ridged with foam,
To far horizons the eve may roam,
And the sermon-song of the restless sea
Is ever a poem of purity.*

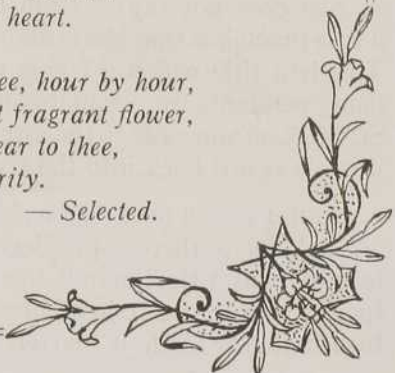

*We watch the shimmering playful stream,
To silver change in the sunlight's gleam.
It glints and dances in careless glee
Oh, the streamlet sings of purity!*

*All Nature's message where'er we go,
From vernal blossom to virgin snow,
The message of sun, and star, and sea,
And earth and heaven is — purity.*

*All symbols are of thy virgin state,
O Queen who was born immaculate.
Queen! — our Mother, too, thou art
O keep us for ever pure of heart.*

*Watch o'er us, we pray thee, hour by hour,
That we may treasure that fragrant flower,
The chaste white lily so dear to thee,
The spotless symbol of purity.*

— Selected.



The Name of the Apparition



Authentic portrait
of St. Bernadette.

Fifteen times the Lady appeared to Bernadette, but the child never really knew who she was. Several times, she asked her her name, but the Apparition only answered her by a smile. Urged on by the Pastor of Lourdes, and by all the people around her, besides being encouraged by all the visits she had received, Bernadette decides to repeat her request: "Madam, kindly tell me your name."

The Apparition first lets her arms drop and then folds her hands over her breast. Finally, she takes on the expression of one who is extremely grateful, and looking heavenwards, she says: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

That is the strange name which is dearer to Mary than all the titles given her by the Christian people of every age and which are far from exalting her greatness and beauty.

Our Lady does not choose any of the names already given her. She does not say: "I am the Virgin Mary," although that is really her historical name inserted in the Gospel: *Et nomen Virginis Maria*. Mary is the name by which her loving children know her, a sweet name, which means so much to them.

She does not say: "I am the Virgin of Virgins, the spotless Virgin." And, nevertheless, she would have affirmed the privilege unknown to any creature, a privilege which St. Ildephonsus defended in such a way that the Mother of God herself repaid him by solemnly placing on him a chasuble from the treasures of her divine Son.

She does not say: "I am the Queen of Heaven." Nevertheless, such a title proclaims that she is above all the Elect and above all the angel choirs. This is a title which a legion of heavenly spirits, loudly proclaimed while many penitents were walking in procession. While it was being announced, St. Michael appeared to the astonished processionalists, and, in their presence put his sword back into the scabbard.

And it is still more astonishing that she does not call herself the Mother of God, for is there a privilege which may be compared to it? Is it not towards this title that all the others converge, either before or after the Incarnation. And it just happens to be the 25th of March, the day of the Incarnation. Little it matters, Mary has other designs.

The Most Blessed Virgin does not say that she is the Mother of all mankind, a title given her by her divine Son on Calvary. Nevertheless, on being invoked under this title, she should feel that she is not despised by her children.

No, the Apparition leaves all these names aside. She does not say: "I am Mary, I am the Virgin of virgins, I am the Queen of Heaven, the Mother of God, and the Mother of all mankind." She calls herself by one strange new name, in saying: "*I am the Immaculate Conception!*"

Many faithful souls have believed in the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God, with the greatest filial love; numerous doctors of the Church have perseveringly defended the truth of the great privilege granted Our Lady; a number of saints, looking with special love upon her high prerogative, have meditated upon it and admired it; several religious communities have adopted her most beautiful title; some of the Popes have published bulls dealing with the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, principally the one in which the dogmatical definition is given; in fine, there is in the city of Puy, in France, a library in which a pious servant of Mary, Reverend Father Sire, has collected all that has been written for or against the above-mentioned dogma. However, nowhere in all the bulls, treaties, and writings is the title of the Immaculate Conception to be found.

What reasons had Mary for choosing such a name? We shall rapidly indicate them.

Firstly, this name is the *testimony* of the truth of the apparitions. Indeed, what no doctor of the Church, no saint, no pope had found out up to then, could not be discovered by an ignorant maiden who, although fifteen years of age, had not yet made her First Communion, and who, in order to remember the precious appellation, repeated it at every step she took while on her way to the presbytery. Therefore, it is evident that this name is directly from heaven, and it is Mary herself who revealed it to Bernadette, so that she, in turn, might repeat it to the world.

Secondly, it is a name of *gratitude* in regard to Pope Pius IX, who declared this privilege granted Mary to be a dogma of faith. Just about three years after the definition of the dogma, Our Lady came herself to congratulate the holy Pontiff by repeating during the incomparable apparitions what is said of her in the pontifical decree. She comes to approve not only the act, but also the mode of the definition, which His Holiness gave without calling together the General Council. By stating that the Blessed Virgin was conceived without sin, Pope Pius IX affirmed two dogmas, and, by proclaiming herself Immaculate, Mary ratified both of them. In 1870, our loving Mother crowned her gratitude by inspiring the members of the Vatican Council to declare infallible the one who, in 1854, proclaimed her Immaculate. After her children had struggled for seven hundred years in favour of this prerogative, Mary comes to thank them for the courage, perseverance and love they had shown while keeping this sparkling diadem on her brow.

It is a doctrinal name, for, by affirming this point, Mary affirmed numerous truths arising from it; she promulgated them anew and has had us

meditate on them, in order that we might engrave them on our hearts and draw from them practical lessons.

It is a glorious name. The glory of all creatures is to resemble the Supreme Being, who is infinitely perfect. God possesses both communicable and incommunicable perfections. We are incapable of reproducing in ourselves the latter, but we are able to reproduce the first, which may be called by one name: holiness. The holier a soul is, the purer it is. A holy soul resembles God, and possesses true greatness and glory. Mary does not hesitate in the least in declaring that she was the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Izart states that by so doing, the humble Virgin was truly glorified.

"Indeed," the same orator goes on to say, "where are we to look for the true saints, those in whom God's holiness is reflected?"

In heaven there are thousands of virgins as pure as lilies; thousands of apostles whose love for souls has purified and embellished them; thousands of penitents, who have been regenerated by their tears of repentance; thousands of martyrs who, as it is stated in the Scriptures, have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. Moreover, there are upon earth numerous pure and generous souls whose virtue is a source of joy to the angels. The holiest persons have, after a long struggle, preserved their baptismal innocence, but did they not come into the world with a stain which was displeasing to God?

"Yes, in the life of every human being, there has been an hour when it was deprived of God's friendship. Before Holy Baptism, a child, however great it is to become, is separated from its Creator.

"But one creature, the Most Blessed Virgin, was, from the moment of her conception, filled with grace, like a beautiful lily opening to the sun. Her freedom from every stain from the time she sprang into existence, is the most cherished of the grandeurs of Mary, and no other privilege, even that of the divine maternity, is to be compared to that of her Immaculate Conception."

Lastly, it is an apostolic name. God is holy: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God of hosts. Such is the hymn of the inhabitants of heaven. Our loving God wishes us to be holy: *Hæc est voluntas Dei sanctificatio vestra*. He chose us before the creation of the universe, so that we might be saints. And if, after making the world, he peopled it with intelligent beings, watered it with the sweat and the blood of His divine Son, and established the Church in it, it was in order that we might attain the heights of sanctity. It is always in the aim of leading His creatures to sanctity that He permits empires to rise and fall, and social revolutions and catastrophes to occur. *Omnia propter electos*: All for the Elect.

By calling herself by a name expressive of purity, Mary wishes to remind us of our obligation of becoming saints. The holiness she shows is the holiness which we lack. It is not enough for us to admire such sanctity, but we must attain it by making sacrifices, and preserve it by courageously fleeing from danger, by acting when it is time to act, and by having recourse

to Mary when storms beset our lives. Such is the conclusion which may be drawn from what Mary told Bernadette during the apparitions. It is the legacy she left the little shepherdess, as well as everyone on earth, and it is also the signification of the gesture she made while speaking to the privileged child: the taking of all human beings in her motherly arms to lift them up to God.

— Extract from "Le Parterre de Notre Dame de Lourdes" by Dom J. B. Vuillemin.

A Few Roses Scattered

By the Little Sister of Missionaries...

"When I shall be in Heaven, Jesus, Thou wilt fill my hands with roses and I will shower them upon earth."

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.



Enclosed please find an offering in thanksgiving to dear St. Theresa for favours received. Please publish in THE PRECURSOR. Mr. G. C., Verdun, Que. — Thanks to the Little Flower, I received half of my request. Enclosed you will find an offering for the ransom of twenty-four Chinese babies. Miss M. McG., St. John, N. B. — Enclosed please find a Postal Note which I wish to go towards the Little Flower Burse, as acknowledgement of favours partially granted. Mr. J. L., Montreal. — I wish to return thanks to the Little Flower of Jesus for help in our difficulties. I am enclosing a Postal Note for your fund for Chinese babies likely to live. Please pray for our intentions. A Friend, North Bay, Ont. — Enclosed please find a small offering for the Little Flower Burse, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Miss P., Springfield, Mass. — I am enclosing an offering in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, through whose intercession my health has greatly improved. Miss B. L., Windsor, Ont. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription and an offering to ransom a few dying Chinese babies, in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for all that she has done for me. Mrs. T. E. — The Little Flower of Jesus has obtained me a position, and

I am sending you an offering to ransom some dying Chinese babies, as promised. M. R., Montreal. — Find enclosed an offering for the Missions in thanksgiving for a favour received from St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Mrs. M., Lachine. — I wish to thank St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for the favour she has obtained me. The enclosed offering is to ransom a dying Chinese baby. A Subscriber. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription and an offering for your missions in China, in thanksgiving for a favour received through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Mrs. J. M. L., Putnam. — Find enclosed a contribution in honour of the little Saint who lets roses fall upon earth. It is but a small thank-offering. Mrs. D. A. L. — I have received some favours from St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and, to thank her, I am sending you an offering to help you in your missionary work. I am asking this dear little Saint to continue to intercede for me, to obtain the cure of a lady who has several little ones to look after, and to help two members of my family to keep their positions. A Subscriber. — The enclosed offering is in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has obtained me a great favour. Mrs. D., Lachine. — I am very grateful to the Little Flower of Jesus for the favour she obtained me after I had promised to subscribe to THE PRECURSOR. M. L. G. — I wish to return thanks

to the dear Saint who is so faithful to her promise of doing good upon earth. Enclosed please find a small offering for the Missions. A. C. — Find enclosed a Postal Note for the ransom of nine dying Chinese babies, in thanksgiving for some great favours obtained through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. A Subscriber. — The dear Little Flower has obtained me a favour and, to thank her, I am enclosing my renewal subscription and an offering for the poor Chinese children. Mrs. H. L. — I am truly thankful for all the favours I have received from the little Patroness of Missionaries, and I am again asking her to intercede for me, that I may not be obliged to undergo an operation. Mrs. J. B. C. — I am writing to tell you that St. Teresa of the Child Jesus has heard my prayers, and I am enclosing a small offering, as promised. A. L., **Quebec**. — Enclosed please find a small offering, in thanksgiving for all the favours I have received from the Little Flower of Jesus. A Subscriber. — I have obtained some great favours through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, and it is in her honour that I am sending you my renewal subscription and an offering for the poor Chinese. Mrs. A. A., **Thurso**. — Find enclosed a small offering, in thanksgiving for a position obtained through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Mrs. D., **Montreal**. —

Our Lord made me understand that the only true glory is that which lasts forever; and that to attain it there is no necessity to do brilliant deeds, but rather to hide from the eyes of others and even from self.

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

I know of one means only by which to attain perfection, love! Let us love, since our heart is made for nothing else... We must adhere to this simple and only word: love.

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

Burse of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for the Adoption of a Missionary

A Burse is a sum of money, the interest of which forms a perpetual income for the support of a Missionary. Burses are founded in honor of a Saint whose name they bear. The religious whose support is thus assured becomes the Missionary of the donor and takes his place near the poor infidels. The Founders of the Burse participate in all the spiritual advantages of the Community. The sum of \$1,000.00 given in one or several payments, by one or many persons, forms a complete Burse.

OFFERINGS FOR THE "LITTLE FLOWER" BURSE.

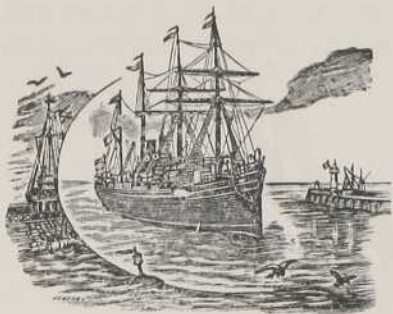
We shall therefore receive with gratitude, any offerings, (thanksgivings for favours obtained or requests for new ones) for the complete formation of the Burse in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. May the Little Sister of Missionaries inspire generous souls with the thought of adopting a Missionary and let fall on them a shower of roses!

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*Diary of the four Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
who left for Manchuria and Japan, on September 16th, 1935.*

(Continued)



Saturday, September 21

We leave Victoria at five o'clock in the afternoon. The ocean is truly "pacific", and the sun, which was very bright the whole day long, is just going down behind the high mountains of British Columbia. The gulls which have been flying around the steamer ever since we left Vancouver, suddenly disappear. We are sorry to think that they have left us, for it was really charming to see them skimming over the waves and resting on the masts. We have taken the picture of the last Canadian soil which we saw, and which appeared so beautiful to us. At supper-time, we leave the deck, after admiring the white summits of the Rockies, in the distance, and reciting the Rosary in common.

After supper, we go to our cabins, and make up our minds to be careful not to let the feasts of our respective patrons go by unnoticed, and it just happens that to-morrow is the feast of St. Maurice. After saying our night prayers before the statue of the Blessed Virgin, we go to take our rest, with the hope of not being rocked too hard...

Sunday, September 22

We took a good night's rest. Masses are said from half-past five until eight o'clock and will, we hope, be said every day. The sea is not angry, but the rolling of the waves does not agree with Sister St. Maurice, ⁽¹⁾ who, in spite of all her good-will, is unable to keep on her feet during the Holy Sacrifice, and must repair to her cabin. Poor Sister, we laugh at her the whole day long, but she has made up her mind to make fun of us when it is our turn to be sea-sick.

Tuesday, September 24

Yesterday went by without anything unusual happening, but to-day the sea is very rough. Very Reverend Canon Roch says Mass at half-past five, and a few of the priests follow his example, but more than once, they are obliged to hold the chalice with their two hands, so roughly is the boat being rocked by the waves. As for us, we are unable to stand up at all, and so we do not assist at Mass or receive Holy Communion.

1. Juliette SIMONEAU, of Gardner, Mass.

Sunday, September 29

We are so anxious to set to work that, even though we skipped over Thursday, the week seemed to us to be an endless one, and we feel that we are not crossing the ocean for the pleasure we are getting out of it. This morning, our dear companion, who has been sick ever since setting out, is well enough to assist at Mass, and is able to make her spiritual exercises. This afternoon, after chanting Vespers for the feast of St. Michael and singing our favourite hymns, in our cabin, we chatter gayly and tease one



THE HAPPY SISTERS WHO LEFT THE MOTHER HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 16TH LAST,
SAILING FOR PAGAN JAPAN AND MANCHUKUO.

another. Towards evening, the sea becomes very rough, and we learn that there is to be a tempest during the night.

Monday, September 30

Contrary to the news we received yesterday, the ocean remained calm the whole night long. While we are busy writing this afternoon, our chairs are swept from one place to the other, and even the big arm-chairs are sent flying. The sea is very rough at four o'clock, and the sailors prepare for a typhoon. No one is allowed on the deck, and the port-holes are tightly closed. In the dining room, besides the border two inches high which hems in the dishes, we find a number of others which have just been arranged. It has been really necessary to take such precautions, for, at certain moments, we have all we can do to remain close to the table.

Early in the evening, we prepare for our night's rest. Being a little uneasy, we have recourse to our Guardian Angels.

Tuesday, October 1

Despite the rocking of the boat during the night, we are all well this morning. On awakening, we go in spirit to the foot of the altar of the

Blessed Virgin in the Mother House chapel, for the opening of the month of the Holy Rosary, but very soon we are shaken up in such a way that we realize that we are not in the midst of our beloved Sisters, but on the stormy sea. After breakfast, we put on our cloaks and go out on the deck, but the sun is so hot that we are obliged to seek a shady spot. The waves are indeed very beautiful, and we imagine that the Empress is ploughing through a field of snow.

Late in the afternoon, we admire a sunset such as we have never before witnessed. The beautiful pink and blue sky reminds us of the many poor pagans who are still sitting in darkness. Almost immediately after the sun has disappeared, the stars come out, and the moon begins to shine.

However, the day is not over, for supper has not yet been served. As we enter the dining room, a number of little bells are rung, and we find all the passengers wearing hats of different colours. The Very Reverend Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary, Pont Viau, has on a silver paper hat, which is the cause of much applause. While the toasts are being announced, a few of the passengers, wish to leave the dining room, but Mr. Thompson, who has prepared the surprise, pretends to be unable to find the knob of the door, and those wishing to make their escape must stay in the room to be teased. We find awaiting us four bonnets: red, green, pink, and blue, and we are satisfied with simply admiring them, but those around us cry out: "The hat, the hat!..." We and the Dominican Sisters laugh heartily, and, on leaving the table, we bring with us the bonnets and musical instruments, which we shall make use of when we are on the Missions.

Wednesday, October 2

We awaken at daybreak, and, from the port-hole in our cabin, we catch sight of the illuminated coasts of Japan. Before very long, we shall be in Yokohama. The landscape is beautiful, but we feel such anguish of mind on thinking that we shall soon have to separate that we take but little notice of it.

After breakfast, we must, according to the regulations, be examined by a doctor. At nine o'clock, our dear Sister St. Marc⁽¹⁾, of Koriyama, and a Japanese girl, Mary Celina, are with us. All together, we go in spirit to the Mother House... and, as the train for Koriyama is soon to pull out, we say good-bye to the two who have come to greet us, and to Sister St. Maurice, whom we wish great success in her field of apostolate. We learn from Sister St. Marc that our Sisters of Japan are all well, and that they would be pleased to receive a group of missionaries to labour with them.

We spend part of the day watching the Japanese working around the boat and on the deck. As soon as the vessel reaches the harbour the cabin-boys begin to clean it. We are surprised to see a woman with a baby on her back, energetically pulling the ropes of the barge she is in. Here and there on the wharf, merchandise is displayed, and each dealer speaks up

1. Alida TALBOT, of Cacouna.

for his goods. There are even beautiful peeled pears for sale. Everything is arranged on the floor, and the buyer needs but to stoop down to select what he wants.

At four o'clock, we go inside to make our spiritual exercises and to write a few letters. We shall reach Kobe to-morrow.

Thursday, October 3

We celebrate the Feast of the little Patroness of Missionaries by assisting at all the Masses that are said on the boat in her honour, and by meditating on her virtues. Our spiritual exercises over, we take pleasure in breathing in the pure air, and in basking in the sun.

We reach Kobe at half-past four. Our first thought is to try to discover a Sister of the Infant Jesus, but the only one who appears to take an interest in us is an aged Japanese gentleman who has come to the harbour with a Japanese priest. The old man is a friend of Father Fage, who is actually on retreat. On seeing the boat being unloaded, we realize that the cases must be very strong, indeed, in order not to be broken. Towards half-past six, our baggage is checked for the Fuso Maru, the boat which is to take us to Dairen, and we immediately set out for the Customs Office with the other missionaries. There are but few lights along the way, and, as there is no sidewalk, we walk on the middle of the road, the Very Reverend Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau leading the way. Thanks to the Japanese priest, we have no trouble at the Customs Office, and we are soon seated in a taxi, which is to bring us to St. Mary's School. On reaching our destination, we have a hard time finding the door-bell, for there is no light, but we finally succeed in summoning a Sister of the Infant Jesus, who gives us a warm welcome.

Friday, October 4

This morning, Reverend Father Gravel, P. M. E., comes to say Mass at the Convent of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus. Here, we are having the kind of weather we have in Canada in the middle of August. Our kind hostesses have given us a spacious room on the third storey of the school they conduct. There are nine windows, and we are able to admire at ease the superb panorama stretched out before us. In the distance, we see some beautiful mountains, on the slopes of which are a great many little dwellings. The day we spend at St. Mary's School is a day of rest for us. We cannot begin to tell you how kind the Sisters of the Infant Jesus are to us, and how much they edify us.

When we stop to think that lying before us are regions of which the inhabitants are still in pagan darkness, we find that it is but little we are doing for the salvation of souls, and we gladly accept the sacrifices which our missionary vocation calls for, thankful that God has bestowed on us the Gift of Faith.

Saturday, October 5

At half-past eleven, we get on the Fuso Maru, and, a half an hour later, we leave Kobe. Our boat is one of the best ones of the Osaka Company. We have been told that it will be at Dairen almost as soon as the one which left the harbour a half an hour before we reached it, on Thursday afternoon.

The sea is indeed very beautiful. This evening, we gaze upon a fairylike sunset, such as we have never before seen. A few Japanese artists are painting it as they see it, and perhaps you will find the reproduction on a few cards...

According as we travel on, dearer and dearer to our hearts does the Mother House become. How grateful we should be to our Superiors for the affection they bear us, whether in the homeland or on distant shores.

Sunday, October 6

Just after we go out on the deck to make our spiritual exercises, our boat stops at Moji, and, on a hill but a short distance away, we notice that there is a little stone church. A Catholic Japanese lady tells the first priest she sees that the Fuso Maru will not leave until noon, and that we shall be able to assist at Mass if we so desire, as there is one at eight o'clock. As soon as the good news is conveyed to us, we set out for the little church, and, while on our way, we pass a number of Japanese dwellings. Before entering the sacred edifice, we follow the example of the Japanese and take off our shoes. The Christians present edify us by their great respect and recollection during Mass, which is celebrated in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, and which is a double one of the first class, with an octave. The Pastor, who gives us a kind welcome, is a saintly priest of the Paris Foreign Mission Society. The zealous missionary has been labouring here for the past forty-five years.

Tuesday, October 8

We rise at five o'clock this morning, and keep thinking of dear Manchukuo, the land in which we are so anxious to begin to labour. Towards six o'clock, we find it strange that we have not yet caught a glimpse of our dear field of apostolate. On making inquiries, we learn that we have lost sixty minutes during the night, and that it is but five o'clock. Very soon after, we reach Dairen, and are obliged to go to a great deal of trouble before being allowed to leave the boat. There is a train for Szepingkai at nine o'clock, and if we could but take it, we would be with our dear Sisters at four o'clock this afternoon. As we must remain on the boat, we miss this train, and are obliged to wait until eight o'clock in the evening. Reverend Father Masse, who has come to meet Very Reverend Canon Roch and the twelve other missionaries, gives us a letter from the kind Superior of our convent in Szepingkai. While waiting for the evening train, we go to the Catholic Mission, and are there welcomed by the Reverend Maryknoll Sisters, who are very hospitable. In order to give us an idea of what we are going to see in our mission field, one of them invites us to get into a

Chinese cart with her, to be taken to a place where her Community last year began a new kind of work among the Chinese. Everything there is very poor, but all that we see does not tend to lessen the great love we bear to the land we have inherited.

We leave Dairen at eight o'clock in the evening, and, as we shall not reach Szepingkai until to-morrow morning, we ask for a sleeping car. We shall leave it to our Sisters who will later join us to find out by experience both the convenience and inconvenience of travelling thus. Hurrah for the missionary life and for all the surprises it holds in store for us!...

Wednesday, October 9

At the break of day, we look out of the window to see what the country looks like. It is autumn, but the landscape is rather beautiful just the same. Our train stops at Szepingkai at twenty minutes to seven. His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre and his priests have come to meet Very Reverend Canon Roch and the other missionaries from Canada. Our dear Sister Superior is also at the station, and we are not slow in spying her. We cannot begin to describe how happy everyone is. On account of the arrival of the Very Reverend Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary, the entrance of the missionaries is a very solemn one. The priests, the seminarians, our own dear Sisters, the Native Sisters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and the pupils from both schools are lined up ready to bid welcome to the newcomers. We all assist at Mass, which is celebrated in the Cathedral, and it is with the greatest emotion that we receive Holy Communion for the first time in this land which we wish to conquer for the One who gives Himself unreservedly to us.

Mass over, we take breakfast at the Convent, and immediately after, while our Sisters are singing a hymn to ask Our Lady to bless us, we renew our Act of Consecration to this tender Mother.

A little later on, we visit the Native Novitiate and the Dispensary. His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre, who kindly pays us a visit, inquires about our parents. In the afternoon, we assist at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, which is given in the Cathedral. The Rosary prayers and those after Benediction are said in Chinese.

As yet, there has been no cold weather here, but it is always very windy.

Thursday, October 10

We already feel very much at home, and were it not for the distance that separates us from Outremont, we would think that we were at the Mother House. After supper, we go to see the pupils of the Apostolic School. The Sisters who accompany us speak Chinese to the little girls, and appear to laugh at us. A few minutes later, Sister Superior arrives, and it is only after she has told us that the Sisters at the Convent are asking for us, that we discover the little trick that has been played on us. While we were at the Apostolic School, our dear Sisters hastily arranged the room in which a little play was to be put on in our honour. As we enter the room,

a duet is played, and afterwards there are songs, recitations, and a talk. Sister N. thoughtfully plays us a piece on the violin. In the talk, the eight mission stations of the Vicariate are spoken of as the *Eight Beatitudes of Manchukuo*, and each of the eight Sisters tells how pleased she would be



THE CHINESE TEACHERS AT THE CONVENT OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SZEPINGKAI, MANCHUKUO.

if one of the newly-arrived missionaries were to come to her mission station...

Before very long, we shall settle down to study Chinese, and we are taking the liberty of asking all the Sisters to pray very fervently that we may be successful in our studies, for on them depends much of the success of our apostolic work.



It frightens us to think of Jesus and Mary as our examples. In Our Lord's case we take refuge in His divinity; in Our Lady's case we magnify her exceptional greatness, and think we do her virtues homage by putting them beyond the reach of our imitation... If we will but be as faithful to our little graces as she was to her great ones, we shall at last draw near to her, or what we may call near, by following her example in this one respect.

Father Faber.

The love we conceive towards God we must bring forth in acts of charity towards our neighbour. God Himself is beyond our reach; therefore the services we cannot render directly to Him, He wills we should render to our neighbour.

St. Catherine of Siena.



Echoes from our Missions

CANTON, CHINA

Canton, September 16th, 1935.

*Letter written by a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception
who lately arrived in China, to her Superior General.*

BELOVED MOTHER,

I must go back to the 8th of September in order to tell you all about my trip since I left Kobe. On the beautiful feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, we had the consolation of assisting at Mass on the ocean, and we heard it for our beloved Superiors and for our dear relatives and benefactors. The Holy Sacrifice was offered up by a priest from Australia, and was served by Mr. De Laval, an officer. The congregation consisted of four Sisters of St. Ann, a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and two Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception.



A MISSIONARY SISTER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF CANTON, CHINA,
WHO IS WONDERING HOW SHE IS GOING TO PROVIDE FOR THE
FAMISHED WAIFS CONFIDED TO HER.

At eight o'clock, the Empress reached Kobe. Mother Mary Leopoldine, of St. Ann's Community, had come in company with a Sister of the Infant Jesus, to meet her Sisters from Canada and the Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. We were the only Sisters who remained on the boat. On that beautiful day, we very often went in spirit to our Novitiate in Pont Viau, where there must be much rejoicing on account of the touching Final Profession ceremony.

On Wednesday, September 11th, we were at Shanghai. There, we were greeted by our dear Sisters St. Jacques le Majeur⁽¹⁾ and St. Camille de Lellis⁽²⁾, who had come from Tsungming to meet Sister Marie Bernard⁽³⁾. We spent part of the afternoon together, and, after supper, I returned to the Empress, which was to leave early the following day.

At six o'clock on the 14th, the steamer reached Hong Kong. I went out on the deck to see if I could see any of our Sisters from Canton and, all of a sudden, I caught sight of Sister Marie de Loyola⁽⁴⁾ and Sister St. Joseph du Sacre Cœur⁽⁵⁾. We made our way to our convent in Hong Kong, and I found that all our Sisters there looked well. At half-past twelve, we took the train and, at half-past four, we were in Canton. When we reached our convent there, we found Sister Assistant and all our Sisters awaiting us on the verandah. I went immediately to the chapel to renew my Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin and to thank her for having brought me safely to China.

The following day, the patronal feast of our dear Sister Assistant General, I baptized eighteen dying babies. Very happy, indeed, was I to open heaven to these poor little abandoned creatures, who had been brought to the Foundling-Home in a very miserable state. I expect to see many other sad things once I get settled down to work.

Dear Mother, I beg you to bless me, so that, with the help of God, I may be a true missionary and do as much good as He expects me to do.

Your grateful daughter,

Sister St. Barthelemy⁽⁶⁾

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TSUNGMING, CHINA

*Letter written by a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception
who arrived lately in Tsungming, to her Superior General.*

Tsungming, September 20th, 1935.

BELOVED MOTHER,

It is already a week since I arrived in Tsungming, and I have not yet found time to write. Several times, I tried to begin a letter to you, but

1. Emma LABRECHE, of St. Jacques de l'Achigan.

2. Yvonne JOLICŒUR, of Joliette.

3. Emma VANASSE, of St. Guillaume d'Upton.

4. Orphise BOULAY, of Coaticook.

5. Marie Louise CHEVRETTE, of St. Majoric de Grantham.

6. Maria LAMBERT, of St. Barthelemy, Co. Berthier.

there was always something urgent to attend to. The Teresians (Native Sisters) took up much of my time, and, besides, I had to see to the construction, etc.

I have thought of sending you the diary I have kept since leaving the Empress, so as not to forget anything which I believe will interest you. Sister St. Barthelemy and I reached Shanghai towards eleven o'clock on September 11th, but the passengers were not allowed to get off until nearly half-past twelve. At one o'clock, we went to the Customs Office, where the agents, after looking over our lists, were satisfied with simply opening our cases and valises. Sister St. Jacques le Majeur and Sr. St. Camille de Lellis were awaiting us at the Customs Office.

As the boat was not to leave until about eight o'clock the following morning, we made our way to the Convent of the Helpers of the Holy Souls, who kindly gave us hospitality. In the afternoon, His Excellency Bishop Tsu, who had come to Shanghai for the Catholic Action Congress, extended us a welcome.

The next day, after assisting at Holy Mass, we set out for Tsungming, and, at two o'clock, we were at Paochen, where we found awaiting us Sister St. Jean de l'Eucharistie and a helper. We first went to a small mission station, where I had the great happiness of baptizing five dying babies: two girls and three boys. To the little girls I gave the names of my two mothers, Mary Delia and Mary Emerenda, and, to the little boys, my father's name, Joseph Theodose, that of my godfather, Joseph Arthur, and that of my oldest brother, Andrew Robert. I am not able to describe to you, beloved Mother, the consolation which was mine on baptizing these dear children.

After paying a short visit to the Dispensary in Paochen, which consists of but two rooms, we continued on our way. At four o'clock, we reached our Mission in Tsungming, and all our Sisters there were pleased to receive a visit from someone from Outremont. After I had embraced all my dear companions, the Teresians extended me a welcome, and then we all went to the chapel to pay homage to our Eucharistic Lord and to sing the *Magnificat*. I was afterwards taken to the Orphanage and to the Foundling-Home, where I greatly pleased the little ones by giving them the pears I had brought with me from Shanghai. When the Sisters assembled for supper, I did not forget to give them the messages that had been confided to me, beloved Mother.

The following day, the Pastor, Reverend Father Yeu, who arrived in Tsungming a month ago, came to greet me. After the Baptism ceremony last Sunday, he gave me a box of candy for the orphans. Two other Chinese priests also came to extend me a welcome, and one of them amused me by asking me how old I was. It seems that it is polite in China to ask one one's age... The same day, the Teresians kindly invited us to a little concert which they had organized in my honour. In the afternoon, I was taken through the Old Folks' Home and the school, where I was warmly greeted.

We have just received a visit from His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate. All at the Mission gave as great a reception as possible, to the distinguished Visitor, who was accompanied by His Excellency Bishop Tsu and the priests

of the nearby mission stations. The dean had asked that all in the Mission take their places in front of the Compound. On going there with the Teresians, the orphans, and the pupils, we found a goodly number of parishioners and strangers, a few soldiers from Paochen, and some bandmen from St. Paul's Parish. All walked in procession to the church, and, after the ceremony held therein, there was a reception at the Native Novitiate. His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate gave everyone present a little picture, and he even thought of giving us a few for the Sisters who were obliged to stay at the Convent. After our Visitor had gone through the two schools, the Old Folks' Home, and the workroom, in which we had had our orphans assemble, His Excellency Bishop Tsu requested us all to go to the same workroom. While there, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate told us many beautiful things concerning our duties as missionaries.

Beloved Mother, allow me to thank for all your kindness to me, and especially for the great favour you have done me by sending me to China to labour. I have at last seen my dearest wish realized, and to you, after God, do I owe all my happiness. I feel quite at home in my new mission, and I am overjoyed in spite of foreseen difficulties inherent to every enterprise.

We are very far from you, beloved Mother, but the thought that we are ever united to you by a bond of love greatly consoles and strengthens us.

All the Sisters join with me in assuring you that we shall pray fervently for your restoration to health, and for all your intentions.

Your happy, loving and grateful daughter,

Sister MARIE BERNARD.

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Tsungming.

Monday, April 1, 1935

As early as seven o'clock this morning, we are requested to go to see a poor consumptive. We leave at once, bringing with us the note we have received, but our driver does not know just where the place we are heading for, is situated. On arriving at the nearest Catholic Mission, we make enquiries, but no one there is acquainted with the person whose name we have been given. Finally, however, we are told that there is sickness in a house some distance away. We set out in the direction indicated, and soon reach the pagan home. The mistress, who is quite peevish, is sitting near the door and, in reply to our question, she bluntly declares that she has not sent for a foreign doctor, that she has Chinese medicine, and that she does not need any other kind. As we do not wish to return to the Dispensary without having done some good in this house, we politely ask to be allowed to sit down for a few minutes. The old lady goes to get a bench, and places it just outside the door. We make up our minds to hold a conversation with this woman, although we do not find it very encouraging to talk to her. While thus engaged, we think of asking her for a cup of tea. "The tea I have is cold," the poor pagan woman replies, "but, if it suits you, you may have some." When we tell her that we shall gladly

accept a cup of it, she says that it will be very easy to warm it for us, and immediately steps inside. We follow her in, and sit down near the table while the tea is being made. We soon notice that our hostess has sores on her hands, and we tell her that, as it is a tubercular patient we have come to treat, we have no salve with us, but that we shall bring some with us the next time we come. She is pleased on hearing this, and immediately informs us that her husband has been obliged to remain in bed for the past three years, and she even offers to let us see him. He is in a corner of the room, but as there is but little light, we had not noticed him. On drawing back the mosquito netting, we behold a very thin old leper, who is hardly able to speak. Our patient is vexed at first but, little by little, he takes an interest in us, for we show him great sympathy. After telling him that he is very sick, and that he will die before long, we ask him if he believes in God. He answers that if we believe in Him, he does also. Soon after, when he tells us that he wishes to join our religion, we tell him that if he really wishes to become a Christian, he must be sorry for all his sins. The poor man is quite willing to do all that is required of him, and tells us that he is now very sorry for having stolen some vegetables when he was well enough to go about begging. We continue to talk to our proselyte, and, on seeing that he is well disposed towards our holy religion, we decide to baptize him, for we feel that his death is near at hand. After the Saving Waters have been poured on his brow, the poor leper is very happy, and he asks us to stay with him a little longer. Indeed, we would be pleased to remain by his bedside long enough to tell him all about our loving God and the Blessed Virgin, but we are obliged to leave at once, in order to seek other lost sheep...

On another road, we find the home of the dying consumptive whom we have been asked to visit. On going in to see the poor man, we notice that just opposite him is a table covered with idols, before whom all kinds of candles are burning. Realizing that it will be very hard to convert this pagan, we leave him a miraculous medal, in hopes that the Blessed Virgin will prepare the way for us.

Sister St. Jean de l'Eucharistie, ⁽¹⁾ while visiting a pagan home in Paochen, baptizes a poor woman who is in the last stages of tuberculosis.

While on his way back from Shanghai with his two very sick children, a poor Chinese stops at the Dispensary. He hopes that we shall be able to cure his little ones, but they are past recovery. We baptize the dear patients, and are pleased to think that we have saved four souls on the very first day of the month.

Thursday, April 18

People come from three places to ask us to visit the sick in their homes. Sister Marie de Sion ⁽²⁾ and Sister St. Jacques le Majeur each take a companion, and set out in different directions. After having baptized three children, treated thirty-eight patients, and prepared two consumptives for

1. Jeanne MOQUIN, of Eastman, Que.

2. Jeannette LUNEAU, of Princeville.

Holy Baptism, which they will give them the next time they visit them, our two happy Sisters return to the Dispensary.

Mr. Zi, the poor leper we baptized on the first of April, was found dead yesterday morning. When we stop to consider how his baptism was brought about, we return God thanks, and admire His wonderful designs.

Sunday, May 5

A few Sisters go in company with the novices of the Teresian Community, to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, in the parish attended to by Reverend Father Cote, S. J. After celebrating Pontifical High Mass therein, Bishop Tsu gives Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The orchestra of Sin Kai Wou plays some very beautiful pieces of music during the Holy Sacrifice and after Benediction.

When the sacred functions are over, the Teresians take their lunch and, before going back with them, we pay our respects to His Excellency. When we get into the Chinese wheel-barrows awaiting us, the sun blazes down upon us, and we pity the poor drivers, who are wet with perspiration. It is eleven o'clock when we reach the Mission.

Monday, May 6

Yesterday afternoon, Bishop Tsu and a number of priests returned from a pilgrimage and, immediately after, they came to offer their best wishes to Father Lien, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. As is the custom here, Reverend Father invites those who have come to greet him, to sit down to a banquet. When it is over, Bishop Tsu and the priests who have accompanied him come to the Orphanage. His Excellency makes our little charges laugh heartily. Our orphans are charming children, at least we think that they are... Perhaps the compassionate love we bear them makes us overlook their faults, as mothers sometimes do in regard to their little ones... When a tiny tot is asked whom she loves the most, she replies: "It's Sister Marie d'Ephese I like the best. I like her as much as I like the new Orphanage." The newly-constructed building is the largest one they have ever seen. For the past four years, Sister Marie d'Ephese⁽¹⁾ has been taking great care of these motherless little ones.

Some of our little four-year-old charges are able to prepare their knitting, and a number of those eight years of age make their own clothes, knit, weave, and do many other things. Allow me to tell you of a few of their pranks, which prove that they are very bright.

One day, Lai Ying asked to be allowed to go to the flower garden to gather some flowers with which to adorn the statue of St. Joseph. The Sister in charge told her that she might do so, provided that she ask the dear Saint to obtain her and her little companions the favour of always loving God, and of never offending Him. Not long after, we overheard this child saying to the middle-sized orphans: "*Momo* wants you to love

1. Florida RAVARY, of St. Clet, Co. Soulanges.

God, and when I'm teaching you your prayers, I want you to pay attention. You must close your eyes, fold your hands and *look holy*. By telling them to *look holy*, the dear child simply wished to give them to understand that they were not to laugh. Once, a three-year-old tot told one of her little companions that she was going to show her how to pray. She bade her say: "Hail Mary... pray for us sinners..." but before going any further, she carefully explained to her little pupil that she was a sinner when she lost her temper and when she quarrelled with her...

Some of the children sing the whole day long. As they have not yet learned to say very much they loudly cry out: "Good-day Sister Superior, good-day Sr. Marie d'Ephese, good-day Sister St. Camille, good-day Sister St. Germain." After they have finished saying good-day to all the Sisters, they yell: "Good-day, God, good-day Sir, good-day Madam, good-day Blessed Virgin, good-day Reverend Father. Little it matters to them in what order they name them. After screeching thus for a long while, they ask the Sister in charge if she likes their singing...

Not long ago, Sister St. Germain asked Ya Faiong, a little orphan, to help her, but the child refused, saying that she would have no time to play. Sister told her that it was all very true that she would have to leave off playing for a while, but that she would gain merit by her act of self-denial. Her words, however, took no affect. The following day, the lazy youngster, feeling sorry for having refused to do Sister a favour, offered to help her. Sister, wishing to give her a good lesson, sent her away, saying that she wanted to keep all the merit for herself. This time, the child took Sister's words to heart and, quite bewildered, begged to be forgiven.

Wednesday, May 8

We have received but very few babies at the Foundling-Home lately, for, as there is much planting to be done, the people think that it is more advantageous for them to remain in the fields than to bother about bringing us their poor sick children. Most of the unfortunate little creatures will be mercilessly drowned. Oh! how sad it is to think of the fate of the pagan waifs. We are unable to do anything to hinder the doing away of the poor little victims, for all our efforts are lost in the fathomless depths of paganism. Nevertheless, there is always something doing at the Foundling-Home. Last Saturday, twelve children were brought to the church to be baptized by the priest, and a dying baby was baptized by one of our Sisters. Yesterday, we received five other dying waifs, and we had the happiness of opening heaven to all of them.

This afternoon, the Sister in charge of the Orphanage tells her little charges, whose ages range from two to four years, that she is going to ask them some questions in Catechism. They all know how to make the Sign of the Cross, and a few are able to say the Hail Mary fairly well. The dear children are all worked up, and when it is time for their little oral examination, one of them is missing. When Sister enquires where she is, her little pupils, all together, exclaim: "She has gone to hide in the dormitory, because

she doesn't know her prayers!..." It is impossible for these little ones to keep a secret.

Saturday, June 1

While in a pagan home, Sister Marie de Sion baptizes two dying babies. Soon after, she sets out to visit a sick man and, on the way, she hears some people yelling at the top of their voices. On coming closer, our Sister notices that there are some Chinese doctors among the crowd. They have been sent for to attend to a little four-year-old boy, who has been drawn out of a canal, half dead...As Sister sees that the child is still breathing, she dips her handkerchief into the water and, not wishing to let the pagans know that she is baptizing the lad, she pretends to be only wiping his forehead. After she has made the little one a child of God, she withdraws, and lets the Chinese doctors go on with their work. On her way back to the Dispensary, our Sister notices that there are several persons gathered together not far from her, and thinks that she may perhaps have the occasion



A MISSIONARY SISTER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WHO IS ON A VISIT TO SOME OF HER PATIENTS IN TSUNGMING, CHINA.

of saving another soul. But, on drawing closer, she is disappointed, for she finds but a buffalo with a broken leg.

There are others besides the children who fall into the water. Just lately, one of our Sisters, while crossing a very narrow bridge in a Chinese wheel-barrow, was driven into the canal by a careless Chinese. Fortunately, the water was not very deep, and Sister only got her feet wet. She had to take off her shoes and put on a pair of black silk slippers with yellow embroidery, which a Chinese woman kindly lent her. When Sister arrived at the Dispensary, the Chinese found it strange to see that she had on such fine footgear, and it was only after she had explained what had happened that they stopped talking...

Friday, June 21

This is the feast of St. Gonzaga, the patron of young folks, and here in Tsungming, this feast is a first-class one. Immediately after Holy Mass, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given. The pupils have no school to-day, and they have a very good time together until three o'clock, when they assemble for the giving out of the different prizes. Sister Marie de Jesus⁽¹⁾ receives a Primary School certificate, and we intend having her continue her studies until she receives a High School diploma. Reverend Father Ki, a Chinese priest brings her her examination papers, and gives her a subject for a composition which he will correct himself. He is pleased to see that Sister is striving to master the Chinese language, and he does all he can to encourage her and to help her on.

We always have a number of patients at the Dispensary. During the day, five abandoned babies are brought to the Mission and, this evening, ten others are received at the Foundling-Home. So fifteen little newcomers will spend the night with us. Most of them are very frail, and will probably die in a day or two.

Saturday, June 29

Reverend Father Muller, S. J., Superior of the Seminary in Haimen, comes to say Mass in our chapel. In the course of the forenoon, Reverend Fathers Cote and Boileau, and Reverend Brother Bergeron join him. It is the first time that so many native sons of Canada are to be seen on the Island of Tsungming. After taking dinner at our convent, the three priests examine the different kinds of work carried on in the Mission, and appear to be greatly interested. They kindly offer to remember us to our Sisters in Suchow, for it is in that region that they intend spending their holidays.

Wednesday, July 17

We are having tropical weather, the Chinese say that it is a long time since they have had such a hot spell. The perspiration streams down our faces, and there is not even a light breeze to refresh us. Our Sister infirmarian is obliged to leave in the scorching heat to visit a patient living twenty *li* away. The information Sister has been given has caused her to cherish the hope of saving a soul, and she does not wait for a second invitation. She is indeed well rewarded, for it is not only one person, but six, that she has the privilege of baptizing. She also has the happiness of giving instructions to a very sick old pagan woman, whom she will probably succeed in converting the next time she visits her.

On account of the stifling heat, the priest comes to the Mission to administer the Sacrament of Baptism in the morning, instead of the afternoon. Before he arrives this morning, one of our Sisters receives a dying waif, which she does not delay in baptizing. Immediately after being made a

1. Emma MELANSON of Rogersville, N. B.

child of God, the happy little one smiles, as if to thank Sister for what she has done for it.

Sunday, July 21

We have the pleasure of receiving two Jesuit Fathers from Canada, who are stationed at Suchow: Reverend Fathers Gagnon and Courchesne. The first comes to say Mass for us, and the second arrives in the course of the forenoon, in company with Reverend Father Cote, S. J. As it is the first time they have had the occasion of visiting Tsungming, they make a point of going through all the buildings on the Mission Compound.

There was a heavy rain this morning, and the tiny orphans thought that the visitors might delay in arriving. But, before very long, one of them, coming back from the porch with a big box of candy, cried out to her little playmates: "The visitors have come, and they've whiskers like Our Lord has..."

Thursday, July 25

To-day, one of our helpers, while on her way to the workroom, meets our Sister infirmarian, and she hastily tells her that the baker's baby is dying, but that she does not know of a way of baptizing it. Soon after, however, she thinks of a plan. She asks Sister to get out of the cart she is in and to go with her companion to buy her some cakes, telling her that she may have a chance of saving the child's soul. Sister, on receiving a few cents from our devoted helper, leaves for the pastry shop full of hope. On reaching her destination, our happy Sister says to the baker's wife, whom she finds with her baby in her arms: "I wish you to give me my money's worth of cakes." "Wait awhile," the woman answers, "I've none left, but I'll bake some for you." Sister is quite willing to wait, and she offers to take care of the baby while the cakes are being made. The request is immediately granted and, as you may well imagine, Sister loses no time in pouring the Saving Waters on the child's brow. These are indeed the most *salutary* cakes she ever asked for.

Friday, July 26

To-day is the Feast of St. Ann, and great is our happiness, for ten Chinese babies are carried to the church to be baptized.

While on our way to the home of one of our patients, we meet a man carrying two baskets containing a few babies. We at first think that he has melons with him, as it is just the season for them, and we are greatly surprised when we learn that he is laden down with little human beings. As it is very hot, and the village is not far off, the man with the children asks our driver to go to get some water-melons, and the latter does not wait for a second invitation. While the two of them are busy eating the delicious fruit, we peep into the baskets, and find eight frail little creatures. We realize that they have been badly shaken up and that they will be carried still a long distance in the scorching heat and, we wonder if they will be

alive on arriving at the pagan foundling-home. Not wishing to miss the chance of saving eight immortal souls, we baptize the poor little ones. When the men return after eating their melons, they are in high spirits, and everybody is satisfied...

Tuesday, July 30

It is a day of great rejoicing at the Mission, especially for the little ones, for Bishop Tsu has arrived. His Excellency always brings the little ones, who are far from being spoiled, a few sweets, and, to-day, he tells them that he is going to bring them some water-melons. One of the tiny tots is overjoyed when she thinks of the treat she is going to have, and she goes to sit in a corner and begins to sing: "Good-day, dear Mother Mary, send us some melons..."

Wednesday, July 31

This being the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, our meditation, this morning, is on holy zeal, and, soon after making it, we get ready to go to Paochen. The coolies, who are never in a hurry, keep us waiting for more than half an hour. During this time, instead of showing our zeal, we must practise patience. One's patience is often tried here in China, where everyone likes to take his time.

On arriving at the Dispensary, we find a number of persons who have come for treatment. When we are through attending to them all, a pagan asks us to go to see his son, who has been suffering from dropsy and tuberculosis for already a year. We do not expect to save the life of the poor sufferer, and we think only of opening heaven to him. After we have spoken to him for some time about our holy religion, he tells us that he believes all that we have told him, and asks to be baptized. It is with the greatest joy that we make him an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thursday, August 1

To-day, at Kong Sou, His Excellency Bishop Tsu, Vicar Apostolic of Haimen, presides at the Profession ceremony of four Teresians, and delivers a sermon fitting to the occasion.

In the course of the forenoon, His Excellency, accompanied by a few priests, pays a visit to the Native Novitiate. The distinguished Visitor is pleased to see how the Community of Native Sisters is progressing. He wishes the Teresians continued success and addresses them a few words of advice, and, immediately after, officially receives sixteen Chinese maidens as postulants. The day is one of great joy for all the dear Teresians. In the evening, we spend recreation with these fervent native Sisters, and we speak of everything that has happened since the morning in regard to them, and of the ten new babies received at the Foundling-Home.

While on our way back from Paochen, where we opened heaven to two children, we hear someone crying out to us: "Momo, stop here to see a sick baby." Immediately after, however, another person speaks up,

saying: "It's useless to come, for it doesn't want to take any medicine." Without paying any attention to what the latter is saying, we get out of the cart and enter the pagan home. We speak to the parents for a little while and get them to show us their three-year-old son, who is at death's door. As the poor little fellow is feverish, we ask to be allowed to put some water on his brow, and as his parents do not think of refusing, we seize the opportunity to make him a child of God.

Friday, August 2

To-day, twenty men are to be seen taking in the corn in the field adjoining the Orphanage. All the people around us think that our corn is being taken in too soon, and it is funny to see how discontented they look. But you may wonder why, for, after all, it is none of their business. The reason is that up to to-day they have helped themselves to what was in our fields, and now they see that there will be no longer anything for them to steal. It must be remembered that the Chinese do not think that it is wrong to take what belongs to their neighbour, provided they go about it in the right way.

Why have so many men been employed? It is because farm implements have never been heard of here, and all the work must be done by hand. The men carry the bundles on their backs, and, as it is very hot, they take their time. They yell to one another, so that they may find their work more interesting. This evening, all the stalks will be safely heaped up outside the Orphanage. According to the law, the corn that is still in the fields after the day one has begun to take it in, belongs to anybody at all. Those who are careful to pull up the stalks may pluck the ears whenever it suits them, and no one has anything to complain of.

With the leaves, we fill ticks for the children. It must be borne in mind that, at the present moment, the Orphanage counts sixty-four little ones, who, alas! are unlike the celestial spirits, and must have something more than love to keep them alive... During the year, a thousand and eight babies were received at the Foundling-Home. A great many of them flew to heaven not long after being baptized. In our necessities, we often have recourse to these dear little angels. Our sixty-four cherubs are healthy and are always in good humour. All know their prayers, except ten little newcomers who, as yet, only make the Sign of the Cross while saying, "Good-day *Seng Mou*", and it often happens that these little ones bless themselves with their left hand. The Hail Mary is the pass-word at the Orphanage. When fine weather, rain, a good crop, rice for our big family, or many abandoned babies are desired, all say the Hail Mary.

We hope that we shall receive some big cases from the Mother House in the fall. The Sister in charge of the Orphanage is out of everything, for the cases we received last year are empty... Oh! how we appreciate anything which one has the kindness to send to the Island of Tsungming!

Saturday, August 3

To-day is arranged the corn that was taken in yesterday. The women of the Workroom, the orphans, and sixteen helpers work very diligently the whole day long, and, this evening, their task is nearly finished. However, they have still to take the grain from the cobs by hand, for, as yet, there is no machine here for such a purpose. Very grateful, indeed, are we to God for the good crop He has given us. We really appreciate His bounty, for, for a few years past, the crops have been a failure.

The Sisters at Paochen were kept busy from seven o'clock in the morning until six in the evening. Like Josue's soldiers, they remained standing for their meals. Besides visiting eight pagan homes, where they baptized five little ones, they had to find time to treat seventy-two patients.

Wednesday, August 7

To-day, we became acquainted with two aged Chinese women who remain at a certain pagoda to which abandoned babies are brought. The poor little ones who find shelter in this temple will later be brought to a pagan foundling-home. The two old creatures are fervent Buddhists, but they let us baptize two dying waifs they had received. Wishing to win us over to paganism, they preached us a long sermon. After listening attentively to all that they had to say, we began to tell one of them about the Faith, and she was so astonished that she asked her sister to come to listen to what was being told her about a religion that was not at all like theirs. When we left, they were still friendly to us, and we hope that we shall again have the occasion of visiting the pagoda, in order to baptize a few little ones.

We often have the occasion of treating sick Chinese in their homes, and, while going back and forth, we are stopped by a number of pagans who know that we gladly give treatment free of charge. These poor people find that it is much easier to call us in as we are passing, than to come to the Dispensary.

Last night, some twenty brigands laid waste to Se Wou Tsen. They either ran their bamboo lances into their victims, or riddled them with bullets. All the people of the district are terrified, for they are not prepared to face these villains. We have had the happiness of baptizing an aged pagan and his wife, son, and fifteen-year-old grandson, who were all mortally wounded by the bandits. We found several other persons in a dying condition, and, after we had finished dressing their wounds, we were asked to go to a prison to treat another poor victim, whom the assailants had taken for one of their own, and whom they had left half dead on the road. A number of persons came along with us, simply to satisfy their curiosity. When we reached our destination, the relatives of the wounded man told the keeper that they were the ones who had sent for the *foreign doctor*. We found the poor unfortunate lying unconscious in one of the cells, bathed in his blood. After giving him Holy Baptism on condition, we treated him, and he grew conscious enough to be able to express his desire of dying a Christian. We did all we could to comfort and encourage

him, and we were very sorry to think that we were obliged to leave him very soon after. Besides giving treatment to the patients at the Dispensary, we visited fifteen pagan homes the same day. In the evening, twelve babies were brought to the priest to be baptized. On seeing these little ones being carried to the church, an aged Chinese, who was arranging the corn just outside the Orphanage, remarked to his chum that he did not know why we foreigners had left our own country to come to China to work so hard. His companion, who knows more about us, answered that our reward would be very great in heaven. The pagans, who are accustomed to seeing so much ill-usage, are puzzled when they see what great care we take of the little ones. Not long ago, we were given a proof of the brutal way in which some of the poor children here are treated. The twelve-year-old crippled sister of a woman to whom we have been giving treatment, is looked down



CHINESE JUNKS CROSSING FROM HAIMEN TO TSUNGMING, CHINA.

upon by her parents. Not long ago, our patient told us that she knew that her little sister was going to suffer greatly later on, and that she would die in peace if she but knew that we would take care of the child after she was gone. As we were speaking to her, the pagan husband arrived and, being naturally brutal, gave the little cripple a kick which sent her hopping. The poor child did not say a word, but went to hide in a corner like a little dog. We well imagine what kind of a life the unfortunate cripple must lead, since her brother-in-law is so cruel to her even in the presence of strangers. We sometimes wonder what the mothers in Canada would say if they were to witness a spectacle of the kind.

MANCHUKUO

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Manchukuo.

SZEPINGKAI

Tuesday, May 7, 1935

Yesterday evening, we received a telephone message announcing the serious illness of Father Pang, a Chinese priest, stationed at Tchangtou. His confrere, Father Tou, who administered the Last Sacraments to him, requested His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre to come to his mission station to see him. This morning, His Excellency, Reverend Father Jasmin, and two of our Sisters set out for Tchangtou, which it takes them an hour and a half to reach. Upon their arrival, they find that Father Pang is in the throes of death, but that he is still conscious. A Chinese doctor has given him treatment, but has met with no success. Towards two o'clock in the afternoon, this devoted Chinese priest, the only one in the Vicariate, breathes his last. It is scarcely two weeks since he attended the funeral of Reverend Father Bedard, and he was in the best of health up until a few days ago.

The little flock which had been confided to Father Pang, mourn his loss. A number of Christians have asked His Excellency to send them another priest.

Saturday, May 25

With the help of the native novices, Sister Ste. Jeanne de Chantal⁽¹⁾ prepares the corn from which will be made sixty pounds of starch. A mill-stone which is turned by means of a donkey, crushes the grain, which was left to ferment some time ago. After it has been sifted three times, the powder will be mixed with water and put into barrels. Two days from now, the water will be drained off, and the starch will be left to dry.

We are thus able to economize, and are always sure of having starch enough for our different convents, for it is not easy to procure any here.

Monday, June 3

On this the anniversary of the founding of our Institute, Sisters from our different mission stations in Manchukuo come here for their annual retreat, which they are making two months earlier than usual, in order to profit by the visit of Reverend Matheo Crowley, a Picpus Father. In Szepingkai to-day we are twenty-six Sisters, and twenty-one of us are to make the retreat.

Reverend Father gives his first conference at half-past seven. His mother tongue is Spanish, but he speaks Portuguese, Italian, English and French fluently. This zealous missionary has been preaching retreats for the past thirty-five years. He has told us that as soon as our retreat is over

1. Jeanne CARON, of Montreal.

he will go to Sin King, where other retreatants are awaiting him. He calls himself the wandering Jew of the Sacred Heart.

Tuesday, June 25

Jao Louisa, a postulant of the Community of Our Lady of the Rosary, died at one o'clock this morning. She was twenty-one years old, and had been sick since last February. Her mother, who apostatized some time ago, was with her the last few days she spent on earth, but she did not appear to be repentant. One day when Louisa was very weak, she sobbingly said to her unfortunate parent: "Mama, I'm going to die, and you're not converted yet." On seeing this woman, we think of the parable of the devil who returned after being driven out of a body of which he had taken possession. The generous young lady offered up her sufferings, which were very great, for her apostate father and mother.

Just a few moments before breathing her last, the dear postulant asked Jesus, Mary and Joseph to come to meet her, and she seemed to receive an answer to her entreaty. Judging from her beaming countenance, she saw something very beautiful. Her companions go in turn to kneel to pray before her mortal remains, and we also pray for the repose of her soul. This evening she is placed in a Chinese coffin and left outside, as is the custom in China. Really, the coffin is so big that it could not possibly be brought into the house.

Wednesday, June 26

The funeral service for Jao Louisa is held in our chapel at six o'clock this morning. Reverend Father Masse sings High Mass, and His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre pronounces the Last Absolution. After the service, the coffin which had to be left at the door, is put on a cart drawn by four mules, and is taken to the Catholic cemetery, two miles away. Three of our Sisters and four native nuns accompany the dead postulant to the cemetery. Her grave is blessed by Father Masse.

We hope that from her heavenly home Jao Louisa will think of those who gave her such tender care during her last illness and who, even more than her relatives, treated her as one of their own.

Thursday, August 1

This is a day which will long be remembered by all in the novitiate dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. After making a retreat with the greatest fervour, six Native Sisters renew their vows. Immediately after receiving the holy promises, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre celebrates Mass.

At half-past eight, two postulants don the Holy Habit and three novices make Profession, the ceremony being presided over by His Excellency. Each of the newly-professed Sisters is given a silver cross, a token of her union with our divine Lord. The relatives of the happy chosen ones and a few teachers are present, and they all listen attentively to the touching sermon which is delivered by His Excellency.

Friday, August 2

Each time the Native Sisters who are stationed in different missions of the Vicariate have the opportunity of spending a few days in the convent in which they received their religious training, they are really overjoyed. This morning, His Excellency assigns two of them to Koungtchouling, the third mission in which the members of their little Community have been asked to labour.

Report of the Dispensary of Szeping kai from April to July inclusive:

Baptisms.....	290	Patients.....	12,685		
Treatments.....	18,270	Dressings.....	2,634	Teeth extracted.....	37
Homes visited.....	383	Injections.....	503	Vaccinations.....	419

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LEAOYUANSIEN, MANCHUKUO**Thursday, May 16**

Father Schetagne, who has been helping Father Gilbert at Leaoyuansien, has been asked to replace Father Pang, a Chinese priest, who died last week at the mission station of Tchangtou. Father Schetagne, who came to



AN EARTHEN HUT WHICH IS VERY COMMON IN MANCHUKUO.

Leaoyuansien but a few months ago, had won the esteem of everyone. When he was leaving, all the pupils, lined up on the school grounds, sang, and some of them played musical instruments. The zealous priest will have much to do in his new mission station, which, as yet, counts but few Christians.

Wednesday, June 19

As the priests are away this morning, we go, at Mass-time, to visit a poor sick man. While we are attending to him, we hear someone screaming in the adjoining yard, and we are asked to lend our aid. We leave at once with the mistress, and find an old lady who is unconscious, and who is making all kinds of frightful movements. The poor creature appears to be at death's door, and it is in vain that we try to have her regain consciousness. On being told that Miss Tsien, a maiden catechist, has already told her a little



THE INSIDE OF A CHINESE DWELLING.

about our holy religion, we baptize her on condition, for we feel that she may have desired to embrace the Faith. All the people of the house are quite excited, and they are doing their best to find new clothes to put on the dying woman before laying her out, for it is the custom to lay out dying persons in China. The pagans believe that it is necessary to show a moribund what road he is to take, and a few of them even place meat pies in the hands of their deceased relatives, so that they may give them to the dogs they meet on the way, and thus avoid being bitten.

After doing all we can for the unfortunate woman, we confide her to our Immaculate Mother and take our leave.

Wednesday August 7

A fervent catechumen whose sick daughter-in-law has refused to become a Christian, has seen to having her brought to the women's catechumenate. We are asked to pay the young lady a visit, and, as we know that she is not at all in favour of our holy religion, we implore the aid of the Blessed Virgin before setting out. On reaching our destination, we immediately treat our patient, and begin to tell her about God, but she smiles so sar-

castically that we see that she is bitterly opposed to the teachings of the Church. When we tell her that she is seriously ill and that she should see to ensuring herself endless bliss in the other world, she simply remarks that she is sorry that, on account of being poor, she will have no paper money burned for her after her death. We try to show the unfortunate woman how ridiculous are her superstitious practices, and, when we see that our efforts are in vain, we have recourse to the Blessed Virgin and make her a promise.

Finally, our patient is won over, and our happiness is even greater than our surprise. On learning that she wishes to be baptized, we notify the Reverend Pastor, who comes immediately. On questioning the poor woman, Father discovers that she is really very eager to embrace the Faith. While the prayers are being recited during the Baptism ceremony, the neophyte is in a recollected mood, and her face lights up with a smile of joy. After the Saving Waters have been poured on her brow, she is indeed very happy, and she does not fail to thank the priest and all the Christians who have gathered around her.

Tuesday August 13

We have learned that Mrs. Liou, the woman who was baptized last Wednesday, is seriously ill, and we hasten to her home to prepare her for the journey to Eternity. The happy convert, who is deathly pale, is unable to speak, but she appears to understand what is being said. After Reverend Father Baron has placed a tiny piece of the Sacred Host on her tongue, we have her recite a few ejaculations, and it is while she is thus engaged that she surrenders her soul to her Creator. Very admirable, indeed, are God's impenetrable designs...

Saturday, August 24

A virgin catechist, eighty-seven years of age, offers to do a little work for us. Her sight is not good, but as she is able to pull up the weeds and to shell beans and peas, we tell her that she will certainly be useful to us. Occasionally, we bring her some vegetables from our garden, which she gladly accepts. Since beginning her work in Leaoyuansien, a number of years ago, this fervent catechist has baptized several dying persons, children and adults, and has visited a great many patients besides teaching Catechism and praying for the success of the work carried on in the mission station. She often tells us to ask God to take her to Himself, and certainly she should not be afraid to appear before Him after labouring for Him all her life.

Report of the Dispensary of Leaoyuansien from January 1935 to August inclusive:

Baptisms.....	179	Patients.....	17,662
Treatments.....	23,023	Dressings.....	2,841
Teeth extracted..	182	Injections.....	516
		Homes visited..	272
		Vaccinations.....	126

PAMIENTCHENG, MANCHUKUO

AT THE ORPHANAGE IN PAMIENTCHENG

The humble orphanage in Pamientcheng, to which abandoned children are brought, was founded by Reverend Father J. L. A. Lapierre, very soon after his arrival in the mission field. The reverend founder is to-day Vicar Apostolic of Szepingkai. The first three orphans were confided to the Chinese maiden catechists of Leaoyuansien, the first mission station which the priests of the Foreign Mission Society of Pont Viau opened, while awaiting the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who, in 1927, landed in Manchuria.

As the building was but a small one, and funds were lacking, only a few little ones were received the first few years. In 1931, this orphanage was closed, and, in Pamientcheng, a few spacious rooms were placed at the disposal of the orphans, who were then eight in number. Actually, our Orphanage counts thirty children, the oldest being sixteen years of age, and the youngest, a cripple, but three months old.

Most of these children were brought to us after the death of their parents; the others were given us by their relatives who were too poor to provide for them. If we happened to refuse such children, they would be betrothed, and sent to live with their future husband's parents, to be treated by them as slaves. Many of the pagans rid themselves of their sick children, whom they believe will bring misfortune on them. These people do not always think of bringing them to us, but throw them on the side of the road. Just lately, a maiden catechist told us that, on looking out of the window very early one morning, she saw two dogs fighting over the body of a little one whose head, arms, and legs were gone. Certainly it had not been baptized, for Christian people never cast away their children.

A tin box has been placed near the Post Office. In it are put the babies which the pagans are in the habit of throwing out, and there are indications as to open and close the receptacle. By this, one may easily see that the missionaries would receive hundreds of little waifs yearly, if they had but more funds.

We do not think it is necessary to tell of what a miserable state the poor children are in when brought to us. Sometimes, on receiving them, we are not only filled with pity, but are really disgusted. Most of these little castaways die soon after their arrival. Since the establishment of the Orphanage, as many as seventy have winged their flight to heaven. Some of the poor little creatures, however, after being given the best of care and shown a little affection, grow up healthy.

In the month of October 1934, one of the children brought up in our Orphanage entered the Native Novitiate dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, in Szepingkai, and there made Religious Profession on August 1st, 1934. She is one of the first Professed Sisters of the little Society. Eight others have become good Christian wives, and, by their exemplary conduct and their piety, they edify all the people around them.



THE WAY THE CHINESE WOMEN
ARRANGE THEIR LITTLE GIRLS' HAIR

What kind of a life do our orphans lead, and what kind of a training are they given? The babies are entrusted to Christian women, and when they are two and a half years of age, they are brought back to the Orphanage. When five or six years old, our little charges are sent to the Mission school. After school, their teacher shows them how to do the housework. They learn to cook, to embroider, to sew, to mend their clothes and their shoes, and to sing. But, above all else, they must strive to become virtuous, and the Sister in charge of the Orphanage sees to giving them a good training.

Our little orphans appear to be very happy in their humble abode. They do not know anything of the comfort enjoyed by the children of well-to-do people, but they know how to make the best of what they have, and are always satisfied.

July 4th last, the anniversary of the Ordination of Reverend Father Forcier, Pastor of the Mission, was a day of great rejoicing for all the little ones. The evening before the happy day, they asked Father to come to the Orphanage. The devoted priest pleased them greatly by accepting their invitation. The children expressed their gratitude to their visitor by saying for him a few pieces which they had begun to learn some time before. On the great anniversary, Reverend Father, wishing to add to the day's pleasure, brought along with him a little phonograph, which he placed out of doors. The whole morning, the children examined the disc from which came such sweet music... We surprised them during their outdoor meal, by giving them fruit and candies sent by the Reverend Pastor. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to a close this happy day, which will not be soon forgotten by our dear charges.

In the cases brought to us each autumn by our Sisters from Canada, we find warm clothing for our little orphans. We cannot begin to thank our charitable compatriots for what they do for us. Without their kind help, we would at times be in great distress.

We hope that we shall soon have a larger orphanage, and that St. Joseph will see to sending us funds which will enable us to receive a great many little ones cast away by pagans who know nothing of the value of their immortal souls.

Report of the Dispensary in Pamientcheng, from January to July inclusive:

Baptisms.....				43
Patients.....	9,953	Treatments.....	19,290	Dressings..... 1,674
Teeth extracted..	71	Homes visited...	200	Consultations..... 678

TAONAN, MANCHUKUO

Saturday, February 2, 1935

Sister Marie de l'Assomption⁽¹⁾ is overjoyed when she comes back from the Dispensary to-day, for she has baptized four patients. Every day, our Sister infirmarians experience happiness of the kind. In the two dispensaries, they often have ten or twelve baptisms.

A very sick woman, who was baptized yesterday, to-day tells one of the Sisters that she has been given a proof of the existence of heaven and hell. "After the injection the *Doctor* gave me," she relates, "I dosed off, something that I had not done for a long time. During my sleep, I saw a mountain on which there were many things to admire and to eat. (It was especially on account of the eatables that the poor woman found the representation interesting.) At the foot of the mountain, there was a big fire, and just as somebody was trying to push me into it, a beautiful lady dressed like



A GROUP OF FERVENT CATECHUMENS OF THE OLD FOLKS' HOME,
TAONAN, MANCHUKUO.

the *Doctor* took my part and showed me the path I was to take in order to reach the top of the mountain." It is just by mere chance that our patient's dream coincides with her conversion, but it is seemingly of a nature to increase her faith. Her husband has asked to be received as a catechumen, but her mother-in-law, who is not at all in favour of our holy religion, will not be easily won over.

Tuesday, February 5

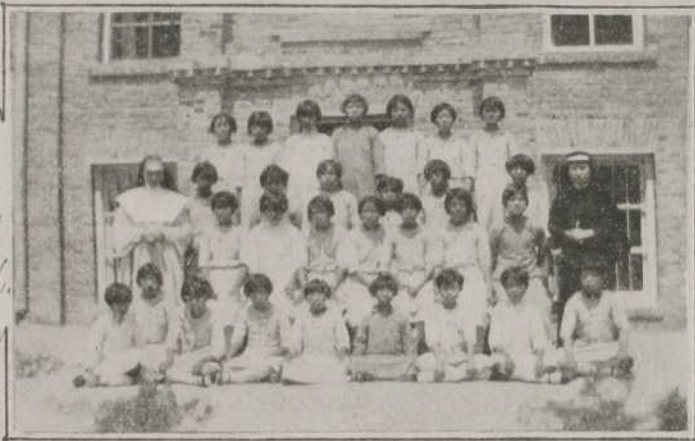
Our Sister infirmarian has just come back from the home of the woman who was baptized on February 1st, and she is all worked up on account of a spectacle she has witnessed for the first time. Her patient is now possessed

1. Alice LAROCHE, of Sweetsburg, Que.



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Missionnaires
de l'Immaculée
Conception à
l'étude de la
langue chinoise.

Groupe
d'élèves du
pensionnat.



Elèves catéchumènes et leurs catéchistes.
Mission de Taonan, Manchoukouo. 1935

by the devil who, doubtlessly, wishes to take revenge. While Sister was with her, the poor woman very often rolled her eyes, and, at times, fixed them on a certain spot in the room. Sister, on feeling her pulse and finding that it was not normal, offered her some medicine, which she willingly took. She then asked the distressed parents if they still had some of the holy water she had brought them the day before. They happened to have some left, and she tried to get her patient to take a little, but she had a hard time putting even a few drops into her mouth. After tying a miraculous medal on the unfortunate woman, she took her leave, but she was only a short distance away from the house when the poor victim, who had not spoken since the evening before, cried out: "I'm afraid of the devil." Sister, on hearing her screaming, retraced her steps, addressed her a few words of encouragement, and got her to repeat a few invocations to the Blessed Virgin. The unfortunate woman declared that she was not afraid when the *doctor* was with her. Little by little, she quieted down, and Sister, after placing her under the protection of the Blessed Virgin, asked her mother, who was baptized three years ago, to take good care of her.

Thursday, February 21

Besides the other miseries existing in these pagan countries, there is brigandage, which is no small misfortune. To-day, three persons come to the Dispensary to have their wounds dressed. A very old woman has a gash on her head a half an inch deep. Her little grandson got such a fright that he has not yet got over it, and it is four days since he has taken any food. How greatly are these poor people to be pitied!... The little they had has been taken from them, and they are now in dire distress. Ah! the life of the benighted pagans is a very sad one, for they have not the consolations of our holy Faith to encourage them.

Friday, March 1

To-day, we go to the home of a deceased Christian, Mr. Yang, and we are present when the *Libera* is sung. His pagan wife seems to have been greatly attached to him. When the coffin is put in a vehicle to be taken to the cemetery, she climbs in beside it, and takes hold of the cross which is to mark the grave. During the illness of her husband, she sold part of her clothing, so as to have money to procure medicine for him.

Monday, March 25

On this beautiful feast of Our Lady, we assist at a Mass in our convent celebrated by His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre. Immediately after the Holy Sacrifice, we consecrate ourselves anew to our loving Queen.

His Excellency arrived here last Wednesday, and the very next day, he conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on eighty-eight new Christians. Yesterday, on returning from Paitchengtze, he kindly came to our little convent to give us a spiritual talk, in which he exhorted us to make our dwelling a place in which Our Lord would be pleased to come to take up

His abode, and which would console Him, as there are so few people in Taonan who really love Him. The words of advice addressed us by our revered Chief Pastor, make us feel like working with even greater zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Tuesday, April 9

Many are the strange practices in China. To-day, someone comes to the Dispensary, asking us to go to see a dying baby. Before our Sister infirmarian arrives at the pagan home, the mother of the sick child bites off its little toe. She would have been faithful to a superstitious practice if she had bitten off but the tip of the same toe, but it was because she was so anxious to save the life of the little one that she took such a big bite.



STONES THAT PAGANS HAVE HEAPED UP IN ORDER THAT THE GOD OF THE ROAD MAY PROTECT THEM.

Our Sister notices what has been done, and, as she sees that the tiny victim is at death's door, she makes it an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Wednesday, April 24

This morning, one of the priests here begins to say the Masses for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Sauve, the mother of our dear Sister Therese d'Avila for the members of Our Lady of the Holy Ghost Sewing Circle at the Mother House have thoughtfully sent stipends to our Mission. Our dear companion is deeply touched by the sympathy that has been shown her, and she will be forever grateful for it.

Friday, June 7

As early as six o'clock this morning, all our pupils go to take part in a racing and gymnastic contest to which all the school children of the city

have been invited. When the little ones return, at five o'clock, they are tired out, but very, very happy, for they have won the first prize. The missionaries do not look indifferently upon such success, for it may lead the pagans to look favourably upon their school and upon the Catholic Mission.

Saturday, July 6

This afternoon, Sister Superior returns to the Dispensary loaded down with idols. One of our patients has asked that all the deities be taken away from his home, and Sister has hastily complied with his request. In order to make sure that they were all gone, the poor pagan got up. He had a hard time making his way around the room, and someone had to help to take him back to the *kang*. At four o'clock, the priest came to baptize him.

For our own satisfaction, we trampled on the hideous idols. Very anxious are we to see them all destroyed.

Report of the dispensaries in Taonan from February to August, inclusive:

Baptisms.....	710	Patients.....	27,219	Treatments.....	38,821
Dressings.....	11,744	Teeth extracted	170	Homes visited....	758
Consultations....	7,539	Injections.....	710	Vaccinations.....	136

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VANCOUVER

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters of St. Joseph's Oriental Hospital

Monday, August 5, 1935

At nine o'clock, the bell rings, announcing a holiday in honour of Our Lady of the Snows. A letter from our dear Sister Assistant General has informed us that our dear Sisters St. Barthelemy and Marie Bernard will soon leave for the Orient, and all day long, we speak of them. A second group will leave in September, and we shall have the pleasure of having them with us for a short time.

Sunday, August 18

Reverend Father Roberts of the Foreign Mission Seminary in Scarboro, comes to say Mass for us this morning. He is to replace Reverend Father Sharkey, who has been ministering to the spiritual needs of the Catholic Chinese of the city and who is to return to China in November.

Wednesday, August 21

Just as we are finishing making preparations for the arrival of our dear Sisters, we hear the door-bell ringing. Thinking that a dying patient is

being brought to us, we hasten to the door, and are quite surprised to find there Sister St. Barthelemy and Sister Marie Bernard. As the train is an hour ahead of time, we were not at the station when they arrived. Immediately after we have greeted these dear Sisters from Outremont, the recreation bell rings, and we eagerly listen to the affectionate messages sent us by our dear Superiors and all our dear Sisters in the Mother House.

Thursday, August 22

After Mass, the priest recites the prayers of the Itinerarium, blesses our missionaries, and gives Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. We converse with our beloved Sisters from breakfast-time until ten o'clock, when they leave for the harbour. May our Immaculate Mother bring them safely to their destination and help them to save many souls in China.



THE OLD MEN OF ST. JOSEPH'S ORIENTAL HOME, VANCOUVER,
WHERE THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ARE EXERCISING
AN APOSTOLATE WHICH IS VERY CONSOLING TO THEM.

Monday, August 26

One of our poor patients in the Home, who has heart disease, is so discouraged that he wants to leave the Hospital so as to kill himself. He seems to be possessed by the devil. He has told us that for a few nights past he has been nearly suffocated by a strange odour, and, this evening, he does not want to remain in bed. In a fit of despair, he declares that there is no God and utters other blasphemies which the devil alone is capable of inspiring. It is in vain that we try to get him to repeat after us the invocation: *O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to*

thee. Something chokes him up each time he tries. Two Sisters stay with him until nine o'clock, and, as there is no change, we send for a priest to exorcise him. As soon as the prayers of the Church are begun, Satan flees, and the poor patient grows quiet, and is full of hope. When the exorcising is over, Father tells him about our Creator and of the necessity of Holy Baptism. On being asked if he wishes to become a child of the loving God who will soon come for him, the poor dying man smiles and nods assent. When the Saving Waters are poured on his brow, he appears to be happier than any other patient we have ever seen. He receives in Baptism the name of Augustine.

On an occasion of the kind, we realize all the more what a sworn enemy of the sons of Adam is the wily devil, and we also realize how powerless he is when the prayers of the Church are recited.

Friday, September 6

Augustine, the patient who was baptized on August 26th, to-day leaves to enjoy the reward he has won by patiently bearing all his sufferings.

Yesterday, Reverend Father Roberts and Reverend Father Benedict, to whom has been confided the Catholic Japanese of the city came to confess their parishioners, for to-day is the First Friday. Several of our patients are making the nine First Fridays, and they do not wish to miss making even one. One poor man who left the Hospital three weeks ago, slept here last night, in order that he might more easily receive Holy Communion this morning. He is indeed very fervent.

Monday, September 12

On this, the beautiful Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, our dear Sister Superior is happy to inform us that we are going to have a clinic for the Chinese in the centre of their ward. How much good we shall be able to do when this clinic is opened, for, through it, we shall relieve many a poor sufferer. We feel that it is from Mary that we have received such a gift, for it has been sent us on one of her festivals.

Saturday, September 21

The second group of missionaries arrived here yesterday, and, this morning, after assisting at three Masses and receiving Holy Communion, they get ready to break the ties which bind them to their dear native land. Towards nine o'clock, Very Reverend Canon Roch, assisted by two priests of the Foreign Mission Seminary, Pont Viau, gives Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and the departure of the missionaries takes place in the usual way. We were really very happy to give hospitality to our beloved Sisters, and, as soon as they are gone, we seem to feel that the Hospital is empty, although, in reality, it is well filled. On Thursday, a sick woman was put in the last empty bed in the women's ward, and two other patients were admitted the same day. The three newcomers are pagans.

While in the city, Reverend Canon Roch visited our hospital, and found everything very attractive. He remarked that the work entrusted to us was very beautiful, and that our patients and old folks were quite interesting. Indeed, he was not mistaken...

This afternoon, Reverend Father Roberts administers the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to a dying Chinese, to whom he gives the name of Matthew, in honour of the great apostle whose feast we are celebrating. At the Home, a very old man is anointed. This evening, the two privileged souls wing their flight to heaven, one just ten minutes before the other.

Thursday, September 26

Betty, a little ten-year-old Japanese girl to whom we are giving treatment, has received from her teacher the report of the Sunday School she has been attending. Wishing to be polite, she offers it to Akira, who was baptized on the 24th of March. The lad takes the papers, and, after glancing at them, throws them on the floor, saying: "We're Catholics, and we don't read such papers..." The little girl is vexed, and complains to the Sister in charge, who cannot take her part. As for Akira, he is greatly displeased with Betty for having offered him such papers. God grant that when he has grown into manhood he will be just as eager to defend the Faith as he is now.

Just lately, we received a little four-year-old patient, Glen Kono by name. Soon after his arrival, our Sister infirmarian paid an unexpected visit to the children's ward and found Akira sitting on the edge of his bed, teaching Catechism to the tiny lad. The young convert kept pointing to the crucifix on the wall in order to get his pupil to understand that Our Lord died for him, also, that God created him, and that He loved him as much as He loved the other children in the ward. Glen Kono, who is a pagan, found all that very strange, and he answered that God could not possibly love Him, as he did not know Him. In the end, Akira really did not know what to say, and so he asked Sister to give his little friend some holy water, in order to get the devil to leave him. Sister good-naturedly complied with the request made by the zealous little Christian, who immediately assured her that the devil had fled, and that Glen Kono was alright...

In my opinion, the Lord sets a higher value on a soul which we gain by our zeal and prayers, aided by His mercy, than on all the other services we are able to render Him.

St. Teresa.

He who is devout to the Virgin Mother will certainly never be lost.

St. Ignatius, Martyr.

Extracts FROM THE Novitiate Chronicles

Dedicated to our dear Parents



"To love Mary, what a consolation here below, to make her loved, what an assurance for the hour of death!"

St. Bernard.

Thursday, September 26, 1935

Each evening, when the martyrology is read, we are presented with a new list of the admirable Christians who so generously laid down their lives for the Faith. To-day, we unite with all the children of Holy Mother Church in honouring the Canadian Martyrs.

When we were at school, we loved to turn to the pages telling of the bravery of the first missionaries and of the torments they were put to by the Iroquois. On reading of the savageness of the Indian tribes, we were horrified, but when we learned of the heroism of Jogues, Brebeuf and Lalemant, our zeal was aroused. Especially now that we have received a sublime missionary calling such as theirs, we are anxious to follow their example and to die for Christ.

Certainly we do not deserve the honour of shedding our blood for our loving Lord, but we know that He freely bestows His gifts... May we not hope that such a great favour will some day be granted one or the other of us?... Whatever may be the case, we wish to please our divine Master and to save souls for Him by faithfully doing our duty.

Tuesday, October 1

We are wondering which one of us, on the last day of this lovely month, will offer Our Lady of the Rosary the most beautiful bouquet of Aves, mystical roses which will bespeak our grateful love for our heavenly Mother. We should like to have a thousand voices in order to repeat this beautiful prayer in the name of all those dear to us, and of those who never think of praising our peerless Queen.

Thursday, October 3

To-day is the Feast of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, the Patroness of all Missionaries. During the High Mass celebrated in her honour, we ask her to help us to faithfully keep to her little way by performing for God alone the many actions of the day.

This morning, our Mistress is obliged to go out, and will not be with us for the day's recreation. We are tempted to be downhearted, but we think of the Little Flower, and gladly make the sacrifice. In all confidence do we ask our loving Patroness to watch over us while we are enjoying ourselves, as she formerly watched over the Carmelite novices. The statue

of the dear little Saint has been set up in the recreation room, and has been prettily adorned with roses and ferns.

This evening, a few of the novices who do not speak English very well, group together for a lesson in the language they are so anxious to learn. They think of going in spirit to China, and are soon seated in the train. Every city and town they come to and every province they cross through makes them think of what they learned during the Geography period in their school days.

The travellers greatly admire the beautiful spots God has created in our dear native land, and if they, at times, content themselves with simply making an exclamation, one must not, like their teasing companions, think that the panoramas unfolded before them are more beautiful than they are able to describe.

Vancouver is finally reached, and the happy missionaries are eager to cross the Pacific... but the bell rings, and the voyage is postponed...

Sunday, October 13

A long letter in which there are many amusing details, informs us of the arrival and the settling down of four of our Sisters in St. Johns, Que., where we have a new convent. On glancing over the missive, we learn of how happy are Sisters are to set to the work they have before them, but we cannot help from thinking of the many sacrifices which they have had to make. Their poverty reminds us of that of our Sisters in the mission field, and shows us the necessity of making good use of the years of our religious training, if, later on, we wish to be faithful on all occasions.

Wednesday, October 16

This evening, just before the bell calls us to the classroom, a young novice who, apparently, would rather remain at recreation than settle down to study, candidly asks our Mistress to let her companions and herself converse together a little longer, as it is her feast day. Most probably she would not have had her wish if it had not been for the Feast of the Purity of Mary, celebrated by the Church to-day. Our Mistress, on complying with the request, makes us promise to redouble our love for the Blessed Virgin. The young novice is grateful for the favour obtained, and we experience the happiness of celebrating another festivity of our Immaculate Mother.

Friday, November 1

A few days ago, we told the youngest of our Sisters about our custom of asking the Blessed Virgin, on Hallow-e'en, to choose a heavenly patron for each of us. So last night, all of us went to bed feeling certain that, on awakening, we would think of the saint our Immaculate Mother wished to watch over us.

Long before the appointed time, we were aroused from our peaceful slumber by an earthquake, which shook the doors of our dormitories and which made us all reflect on the powerfulness of God and on our own nothingness. Yesterday evening, we meditated on the bliss of heaven, and, on being awakened so suddenly, the thought of the happiness of the other life came back to us, and it brought us great comfort.

This morning, while gazing at the palms and the wreaths adorning the sanctuary, we think of the great reward in store for us, and resolve to be more fervent and generous. What attracts our attention the most are the wreaths of white lilies which Christ reserves for His spouses. These wreaths have been placed quite close to the Tabernacle, and they seemingly proclaim to us that it is by our close union with our divine Lord that we shall one day be found worthy to wear one of them. The modest garlands of maple leaves, which form part of the decoration, remind us of the members of our Community and of our relatives who have reached the heavenly abode.

As soon as we are given recreation, we name our protectors and protectresses. Numerous, indeed, are our intercessors, and, among them are the dear parents of a number of us, as well as two deceased novices: Sister Marie George and Sister St. Gerard Majella, who, this time last year, were in our midst.

It is such a lovely day that we think of going for a walk. Responding to the kind invitation of our neighbours, the Antonian Sisters of Mary, we visit their dwelling, which adjoins the Foreign Mission Seminary, and which was built for them but lately. We are pleased with our visit, and, when it is time to go inside for dinner, we are a little sorry, for it is so very beautiful out of doors.

This evening, redoubling our fervour, we make numerous visits to the chapel, in order to free from the flames of Purgatory a legion of souls, who, on reaching heaven, will, we hope, express our love and gratitude to our all-bountiful God.

Wednesday, November 20

As a prelude to our feast-day the postulants this evening put on a little play in our honour. Most of us know of the celebration which is each year prepared for the novices, and although we are very eager for the happy day to arrive, we do not say a word about it, for we wish our youngest companions to enjoy the surprise.

On entering the recreation room, we notice that the statue of Mary as a child in the Temple is adorned with lilies and verdant foliage, and that the humble little Virgin, who seemingly wishes to extend us an invitation to follow the example she has set us, has donned our white livery. In order to express our admiration and love to our dear Patroness, we sing a touching hymn in her honour.

Immediately after we have taken our places, a duet is played, and then

there is a very interesting little play in four acts, entitled: "St. Cecilia." We greatly admire the gracefulness of the young heroine and the way she courageously answers those who try to get her to give up the Faith and to declare that the dogma stating that there is but one God in three divine persons is a false one. Tears, which are secretly wiped away, flow from many eyes during the touching play. At the end of it, we see the three martyrs, Cecilia, Valerian and Tiburtius being crowned by angels, in the presence of the three Divine Persons.

Between the acts, pieces are played on the violin, and a lovely legend in which Our Lady is spoken of, is recited.

We are indeed very grateful to our dear Mistress and to the Professed Sisters, who went to a great deal of trouble in order to give us a little pleasure. And we must not forget to thank the postulants for the part they played.

Thursday, November 21, Feast of the Presentation of Mary

On this festival of Our Lady, which is one of great joy, a Solemn High Mass is celebrated. Truly, we could not find a more loving model to look up to than the little Virgin dedicating her life to God's service. As all of us dearly love Mary, we do not fail to entreat her to give us a little of her purity, simplicity, and generosity, and it being our feast as well as her own, our loving little Patroness will surely not refuse to grant us the virtues which she wishes us to possess.

From the room in which she is confined, our beloved Mother remembers her daughters in the Novitiate, and, early this morning, she asks our dear Sister Assistant General to wish us a happy feast in her name. Such delicate thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by us all.

This afternoon, a game of "Perfection" is played in the recreation room, the prizes offered being earnestly contended for.

We end up the day in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. Before the statue of the Child Mary, pretty blue lights are still burning, and we imagine that our loving little Model is inviting us to be true missionaries by following in her footsteps.



Thou canst never surpass God in munificence, when even thou wouldst have sacrificed to Him all thy goods, and when thou wouldst have joined thyself to that sacrifice, since to give oneself to God is to receive a new benefit.

St. Gregory of Nyssa.

A single work of charity is more precious before God than all visions and ecstasies.

St. John of the Cross.



The Children's Page

DEAR CHILDREN,

It was Almighty God who created the firmament and the magnificent universe. There also exists another world, an invisible one, the wonders of which greatly surpass those of the earth, and that world is known as the souls' world. The creation of the beautiful universe cost God but a word, but our souls, dear Children, He has breathed into us!... Yes, our loving Creator has made our souls to His own image and likeness, and we are so dear to Him that in order to open to us our heavenly home, which was closeb on account of the disobedience of our First Parents, He was born in a stable and died nailed to a cross! Oh, how dearly does Jesus love us, and how dearly should we love Him! Always, always, should we be afraid of offending Him.

Divine grace is the life of our souls. A saint once remarked that a Soul in God's friendship is so beautiful that one could not look upon it without dying of joy, and that a soul that has been soiled by mortal sin is so horrible that the sight of it alone would make one die of fright. Venial sin does not kill the soul, but it greatly disfigures it, and diminishes in it sanctifying grace.

Grace, dear Children, works in our souls like the beautiful sun which gives us light, and like the gentle rain which does good to the soil. Besides *sanctifying grace*, which one may always possess by keeping away from sin and increase by receiving Holy Communion, there is *actual grace* which is a passing help by which God urges us interiorly, and helps us to do good or to avoid evil. By being faithful to these graces, we adorn our souls



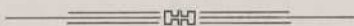
IN ORDER
TO TEACH US TO BE HUMBLE AND OBEDIENT,
THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE HELPED
MARY AND JOSEPH
IN THEIR HUMBLE WORK.

with virtues and merits which are so beautiful that nothing here below may be compared to them.

And the more we ask God for such graces the more do we receive of them, and the more beautiful do we make the place reserved for us in heaven.

Your Great Friend,

THE PRECURSOR.



Let us not forget, when we think of Heaven, who and what will make us beautiful therein. Well may the redeemed ones cast their crowns at the feet of the Lamb, since without His most precious death and merits they could not have been saved, and no crown would ever have adorned their heads in eternity. And while we walk along with wearied steps and aching heart — bending by the wayside to cull the flowers which will adorn our brow when we reach our Celestial Home, shall we suffer ourselves to be discouraged by the faintness which will often seem to overpower us on the journey? Oh! no; we shall remember that we are but strangers and travellers; that our rest will be when we arrive at Home; and that rest is sweeter in proportion to the labour that has preceded it. Ah! how sweet will be the rest of Heaven, after the labour of earth! Heaven is described to us frequently as a place of rest, because life is so full of toil, of trials, and tribulation. Heaven will be beautiful because it is the land of joy.

Little Child Jesus of Nazareth, come to me, in order to make me mild, silent, peaceful and humble, and to help me to love little things. May I always keep my eyes on Thee, and labour in union with Thee, knowing that Thou art near, and that Mary and Joseph are beside Thee. Give me a great love for Thy humble dwelling... *Give me Nazareth.*

The Child Jesus

*When Jesus Christ was four years old,
The Angels bought Him toys of gold,
Which no man ever had bought or sold.*

*And yet with these He would not play;
He made Him small fowl out of clay,
And blessed them till they flew away.*

Tu Creasti Domine. (Thou hast created O Lord.)

*Jesus Christ, Thou Child so wise,
Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,
And bring my soul to Paradise.*

— Selected.

Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin

for favours obtained

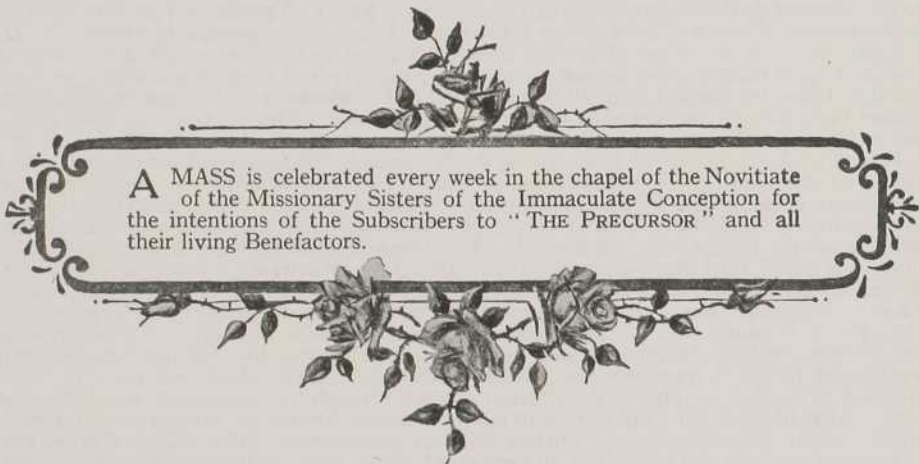


"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."

BL. HENRY SUZO.

I am sending a small donation which I promised if I obtained a certain request. I am happy to say I obtained this request. I would like to have you commence another novena in honour of the Blessed Virgin for my intention. E. D., **Ottawa, Ont.** — I have obtained a favour through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, and I am sending you the sum that I promised, as well as an offering to ransom two dying Chinese babies. Anonymous, **Abitibi.** — Enclosed please find a small offering, in thanksgiving for a favour received from our Blessed Mother. Mrs. G. F., **New York.** — Find enclosed my renewal subscription, in thanksgiving for a cure obtained. Mrs. P. — I have received a favour, and am sending you an offering for the Chinese orphans, as promised. A Subscriber. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription, in thanksgiving for a favour received from the Blessed Virgin. May this loving Mother again come to my aid. Mrs. E. P. — I have obtained a favour through the intercession of our Immaculate Mother, and, to thank her, I am enclosing an offering for the Missions. A Subscriber. — I have obtained a favour, and am enclosing an offering to ransom a Chinese baby. Miss G. G., **Montreal.** — I wish to return thanks to the Blessed Virgin for a favour received through the medium of the Miraculous Medal. May my loving Protectress continue to intercede for me. A Subscriber. — Find enclosed an offering for the Missions, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. F., **Verdun.** — I am very grateful to the Blessed Virgin for, through her intercession, I have been restored to health. L. R. — I have received a number of favours from the Blessed Virgin, and would like to have a novena of lights burned in her honour. Please pray that one dear to me may obtain a position and that I may be shielded from all harm. Mrs. A. L., **Montreal.** — I return thanks to our Blessed Lady for a favour obtained through her intercession. Mrs. A. D. — Enclosed please find an offering for a novena of lights in thanksgiving to our loving heavenly Mother. J. C. — I have received a favour, and am sending you a cheque for the ransom of some poor Chinese babies, as promised. J. A. L., **Montreal.** — Find enclosed an offering, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. E. M., **Manchester.** — Some time ago, I promised that I would send an offering for the Missions if I received a great favour. My prayers have been answered, and I am gladly fulfilling my promise. C. B. — Please publish my very grateful thanks for a favour received, for I promised publication. Mrs. J. C., **Montreal.** — I wish to return most fervent thanks to our Immaculate Mother for a favour granted me. The enclosed offering is for the Missions. Mrs. J. P. — I have received an answer to my prayers, and I am sending you a Postal Note in favour of the Missions, as promised. Mrs. J. A. M. — Enclosed please find a Money Order to be used for your missions, in thanksgiving for a favour received from our Blessed Lady. I trust that this tender Mother will always watch over me. A. T. — Enclosed please find an offering for a favour granted through the intercession of our Blessed Lady. Mrs. M. C. — In thanksgiving to our Immaculate Mother for obtaining me a favour which I asked, I am enclosing an offering for your missionaries. Mrs. P. T., **Woonsocket.** — Enclosed you will find an offering to ransom a Chinese baby, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. J. E. N. — I am enclosing an offering for the Missions in thanksgiving for a very special favour the Blessed Virgin has granted me. A Subscriber. — I return sincere thanks to Our Lady for a cure obtained. Miss A. P. — One dear to me has begun to lead a better life, and I am sending you my renewal subscription in thanksgiving. Mrs. M. G. — I have obtained a position after promising to subscribe to THE PRECURSOR, and I wish to offer my grateful thanks to our Blessed Lady. Miss M. A. P. — A great favour has been granted me, and I am gladly renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. I am now asking the Blessed Virgin to obtain me three other favours. Miss C., **Montreal.** — The Blessed Virgin has lovingly watched over me, and, to thank her, I am sending you an offering for the Missions. Mrs. D. D., **Warren, R. I.** — I wish to thank our Immaculate Mother for the favour she has obtained me. Miss F. M., **Montreal.** — I have received several favours from the Blessed Virgin, and I am asking her to continue to intercede for me. Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. A. D. — Grateful thanks to our Immaculate Mother for the favours she has obtained me. Anonymous. — Enclosed please find an offering to ransom some Chinese babies, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. A. K. S. — I am very grateful to the Blessed Virgin, for, through her intercession, I have obtained a position. You will find enclosed my renewal subscription. Mrs. A. D. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. My prayers have been answered, and I am truly thankful. Mrs. A. L. — I

am gladly subscribing to THE PRECURSOR for one year. Our Blessed Lady has interceded for my brother, and he has obtained a good position. May this gracious Advocate continue to favour us. G. R. — I have obtained a permanent position through the intercession of our dear heavenly Mother, and I am enclosing an offering to ransom some Chinese babies, as promised. L. S. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription and a small offering, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. A. L. — Our Blessed Lady has hearkened to my prayers, and, to thank her, I am sending you my renewal subscription and an offering for your missionaries. Mrs. J. R. B. — My husband has obtained a position through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, and I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR as long as he is employed. Please publish. Mrs. A. P., **Montreal**. — The enclosed offering is in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. Please pray that I may regain my health. Anonymous. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription, in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. Mrs. H. L. — My request has been granted, and I am fulfilling my promise by sending you my renewal subscription. Mrs. M. W. — I am very grateful for the favours that have been granted me. Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. A. G., **Montreal**. — Please find enclosed a small offering for the Missions, in thanksgiving for a position obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. A Subscriber. — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR, as I have obtained a favour. I am now asking for something very important, and, if I receive an answer to my prayers, I will publish my thanksgiving. Mrs. E. B. — Some time ago, I promised that I would send you an offering to ransom some Chinese children if I received a favour. My prayers have been heard, and I now hasten to fulfil my promise. J. A. L., **Montreal**. — Our Immaculate Mother has come to my aid, and, every month, I will send you an offering for the Chinese children, as I promised. Anonymous. — I am glad to tell you my husband has got work now, thank God and His Blessed Mother. Please remember me in your prayers. Mrs. Richardson, **Surrey, England**. — I am sending you my renewal subscription and an offering in thanksgiving to God and His Saints for the success of an operation on my eye. Miss M. C., **East Providence, R. I.** — Enclosed please find a small offering, in thanksgiving for blessings received from God and His Holy Mother. M. A., **Montreal**. — With my renewal subscription, I am sending you an offering to ransom six dying Chinese babies in honour of St. Jude Thaddeus. Miss M. T., **Schenectady, N. Y.**



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Petitions

"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Please pray that I may be granted several special favours. Anonymous. — I wish to obtain a very great favour. Kindly commence a novena for me. Mrs. M. H. — I would ask you to pray for a person who is in very poor health. I. D., **Quebec**. — If I obtain the favour I am asking, I will send you a small offering. Mrs. E. D. — Please pray that I may succeed in renting a flat. Mrs. L. M., **Montreal**. — Please pray that some very dear friends of mine may obtain the favour they are asking. A. C., **Montreal**. — I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for a year if I am granted two great favours. L. J. — If I obtain all the favours I am asking, I will send you an offering for the Missions. Anonymous. — My husband has

undertaken something difficult. If he meets with success, I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for one year. Mrs. J. C., **Montreal**. — Success in examinations. Mrs. J. G. — Kindly ask our dear heavenly Mother to come to my aid. Anonymous. — The sale of property. R. G. — I am enclosing an offering for the Missions, and would ask you to pray that I may obtain the favour I am asking. Mrs. N. P., **Verdun**. — Please pray that I may be granted two great favours. A Subscriber. — My husband and my child are not feeling well. Please ask the Blessed Virgin to intercede for them, and to obtain me a very special favour. A Friend. — I recommend to your prayers a young man who has been leading a wayward life. E. L., **Montreal**. — Enclosed you will find a Postal Note for the ransom of two Chinese babies. Please pray that I may obtain the favour I am asking. If it is granted, I will send another offering for the ransom of more babies. V. B., **North Bay, Ont.** — Please pray that my husband may be restored to health, that he may find work, and that peace may reign in my married daughter's home. When these favours are granted, I will send you an offering. Mrs. G. F., **New York**. — Find enclosed my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Please continue to pray for me. Miss L., **Windsor, Ont.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. I am asking that my nephew may mend his ways and be a man. E. H., **New York**. — Enclosed you will find my annual contribution. Do not forget to pray for us all, and for my special intention in particular. J. T., **Montreal**. — I would like you to commence a novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, asking her to assist my sister, who is very ill. I am enclosing a small offering. Mrs. W. R., **Montreal**. — I wish to obtain two special favours, and would ask you to make a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help for me. If my requests are granted, I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. W. McK., **Calumet, Que.** — Would you please make a novena for me, for a special intention. If my favour is granted, I will send a donation. K. C. — Enclosed please find cheque covering the expense in connection with the novena of lights begun by you, and a second one which I wish you would commence on the conclusion of the first. These lights are for the intention of my sister, who is, at present, in the hospital. L. M. M., **Montreal**. — Enclosed find my renewal subscription and an offering for a Low Mass to be said for my intention. Please join your prayers to the Mass for the recovery of my little girl, who has been greatly bothered with indigestion and stomach trouble. I am subscribing again to THE PRECURSOR that I may obtain a favour for myself in regard to my health. If my requests are granted, I will try to help along your good work in some other way. Mrs. J. R., **Hemmingford, Que.** — I wish to obtain some special favours, and am enclosing the amount required to become an Associate. C. McK., **Prevel P. O., Que.** — We must have a certain amount of money for the end of the week, and unless business picks up, I really do not know what we shall do. Please continue to pray for us. E. B., **Verdun**. — I am writing to ask you if you would make a novena for me. For each boarder or patient I get, I will send you an offering to ransom a Chinese baby. Mrs. C. O'B., **Vine Villa, Que.** — Kindly remember me in your prayers. Mrs. L. R., **Southbridge, Mass.** — Would you kindly make another novena for my intention, that I may get back my strength if it is the Holy Will of God. Miss M., **Aubrey, Que.** — Please pray for me to our Immaculate Lady, that I may get help. If I obtain my favour, I will send an offering. Mrs. P. H., **Montreal**. — Enclosed you will find an offering for the ransom of twenty-four Chinese babies. I am again asking for a special remembrance in your prayers. M. McG., **St. John, N. B.** — Please make a novena, asking that my mother and my daughter may be restored to health. If they recover, I will send you a two years' subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. M. B., **Montreal**. — My husband is suffering from rheumatism. Please remember him in your prayers. Mrs. C., **Timmins, Ont.** — I am writing to ask you if you would please make a novena to our Blessed Lady for me. There are two favours I wish granted, and if I obtain them, I will send you a donation. Mrs. H., **Ingersoll, Ont.** — Please pray that my husband may soon get the position he is expecting, that he may make a success of it, and live up to his religion. If I receive an answer to my prayers, I will send you an offering to ransom a baby likely to live, and will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for another year. L. O'M., **Willimansett**. — I am in a terrible state, and I do not know what to do. Please remember me in your prayers. Miss I. O., **Montreal**. — I am enclosing a small offering for your Chinese missions. Will you please make a novena to our dear heavenly Mother, asking her to relieve me of worry, to help my husband in his work, which has taken him away from us, and to grant that we may all be together again very soon. I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR when we get settled in our new home. Mrs. L., **Montreal**. — Will you kindly make a novena that my hearing may be restored and head noises stopped, also that my son may find a position. I will gladly send you a donation and renew my subscription to THE PRECURSOR if my requests are granted. Mrs. C. P., **Webster, Mass.** — Would you please commence a novena to our Blessed Mother, that I may receive a sum of money due me. I promise to send an offering for the Missions when my request is granted. A Subscriber. — I again take the privilege of asking you if you will make a novena for my intention. If my request is granted, I will do my utmost to show my appreciation. J. B., **Windsor, Ont.** — I wish to receive two great favours. Please ask the Blessed Virgin to intercede for me. If my requests are granted, I will send you a donation. Mrs. H. R., **Pittsfield, Mass.** — Please pray that I may recover my health. I will send you a donation as soon as I am well. Mrs. M., **Maniwaki, Que.** — Will you kindly make a novena, asking that I may be restored to health. I will send you

an offering when I am better. Mrs. A. M., **Barton, Vt.** — Will you please make a novena for me, that I may obtain the favour I am asking. If my request is granted, I will send you a donation and will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for another year. Mrs. E. R., **Pittsfield, Mass.** — Will you please make a novena to the Blessed Virgin, asking her to obtain me two very special favours. If I get what I am asking for, I will send an offering for the support of a Missionary Sister for two months. Mrs. A. D. — I have been idle for nearly a year. Please make a novena for me, asking that I may obtain a position. As soon as I find something to do, I will send you an offering, and will renew my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. A. D., **Lowell, Mass.** — Will you please make a novena to the Blessed Virgin, asking her to obtain me some very great favours. Enclosed please find a small offering. Miss G. T. — If the Blessed Virgin comes to my assistance, I will send an offering to help along your missionary work. Mrs. J. D. — Please pray that I may obtain a position. Anonymous. — May our Blessed Lady grant that my life may be brighter and may she help me to obtain a position. A. D., **Montreal.** — I am sending you an offering to ransom a Chinese baby, and would ask you to pray that my husband may be cured of rheumatism. Mrs. N. — I am asking the Blessed Virgin to obtain me a favour. If this loving Mother hears my prayers, I will send an offering to ransom a dying Chinese baby. A Subscriber. — Please pray that my husband may find work. Mrs. A. B., **Memramcook, N. B.** — May the Blessed Virgin obtain me a very great favour from her divine Son. R. B. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. If our dear heavenly Mother obtains me a better position, I will send an offering to help you in your missionary work. A. L., **Montreal.** — Please pray that I may lead a better life, that I may obtain a position, and that one of my dear ones may soon return home. Anonymous. — I would ask you to pray that I may obtain a position. A Subscriber. — Please find enclosed my renewal subscription. May our Immaculate Mother listen to my entreaties. Mrs. T. L. — I am asking the Blessed Virgin to come to my aid, for I am in great distress. Mrs. W. T. — I am sending you my renewal subscription, and would ask you to pray that I may be restored to health. Mrs. G. G. — My husband has been sick for some time, and I am asking Our Lady to cure him and to watch over my little ones. A Subscriber. — Please pray that my husband may stop drinking, and that my two sons may find work. Mrs. W. — I am suffering greatly. Please pray for me. P. B. — May I ask you to unite with me in entreating the Blessed Virgin to cure me and to grant that my husband may meet with success. Mrs. R., **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. I wish you would pray that I may have better health, and that we may be successful in business. Mrs. C. C. — I recommend to your prayers one dear to me who is in poor health. M. A. B. — Please pray for me and my little ones. Mrs. L., **Montreal.** — I desire to obtain a special favour, and, if it is granted me, I will send you a thank-offering. Mrs. L. C. — Please pray that I may be restored to health so as to be able to earn my living, if such be the Holy Will of God. Miss E. D. — If I regain my health and obtain a permanent position, I will send you a five-years' subscription to THE PRECURSOR. J. L. — I wish to lead a better life, and would ask you to kindly pray for me. Anonymous. — One of my sons is out of work. Kindly pray that he may obtain a position. Mrs. L. B. — Please pray that my husband may find work, and that he and myself may have better health. Mrs. A. D., **Montreal.** — I wish to obtain a very special favour. Please unite your prayers with mine. Miss A. L., **Westmount.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. I recommend to your prayers one of my sisters, who has sore eyes. Mrs. E. B. — My sick son is asking the Blessed Virgin to come to his aid. Mrs. G. M. — We have six little ones to provide for, and my husband has no work. If he obtains a position, I will send you a donation. Mrs. M. L. — There are two favours that I am praying for. When I receive them, I will forward you a cheque. Miss P., **Springfield, Mass.** — Kindly pray for one of my sons, who has been sick for seven years. I am sure that if the Blessed Virgin intercedes for him, he will soon be restored to health. Mrs. J. B. — I am greatly discouraged, and would ask you to join in a novena I am making for my husband, who is addicted to drink. Anonymous. — Enclosed please find an offering for a novena of lights in honour of the Blessed Virgin. May this tender Mother cure my child and myself. Mrs. H. L. — Enclosed you will find my renewal subscription. Please pray for all the members of our family. Miss N. L., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — I would ask you to pray that I may soon obtain a very great favour. Mrs. L. C. — My husband has been idle for some time. Please pray that he may find work. Mrs. E. A. — My husband has lost his position, and we are really discouraged, for we have eleven children to provide for. I do not know what will become of us if the Blessed Virgin fails to come to our aid. Kindly remember us in your prayers. Mrs. E. A., **Montreal.** — I have been sick for some time, and it is in all confidence that I am asking our Blessed Lady to cure me. A Subscriber. — Please pray that my husband may obtain a position. Mrs. F. B. — Will you please make a novena to the Blessed Virgin, asking her to obtain me several special favours. If my petitions are granted, I will send a donation and renew my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. A. B., **Collinsville, Mass.** — My husband and my brother are unemployed. Please pray that they may find work, so that we may be able to pay our debts. Mrs. M. D. — I recommend to your prayers a friend of mine, who is very ill. Anonymous. — Enclosed you will find an offering for a light to be burned in honour of the Blessed Virgin. Please pray that I may obtain the favour I am asking. Anonymous. — I wish to obtain two great favours. Kindly remem-

me in your prayers. G. T. — If I obtain a very special favour, I will publish my thanksgiving in THE PRECURSOR. Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. Mrs. A. D. — Kindly ask the Blessed Virgin to intercede for my son, who has not been living up to his religion. A Subscriber. — If the Blessed Virgin helps me to sell my property, I will send a thank-offering. A Subscriber. — My two sisters and myself wish to obtain a very special favour, and, if our prayers are heard, I will send you an offering to ransom four dying Chinese babies and will be a life-long subscriber to THE PRECURSOR. J. A. S. — It is with the greatest confidence that we are asking our dear heavenly Mother to obtain us two great favours. Mrs. A. F., **Montreal**. — I have a very sore throat, and I am almost discouraged. Would you kindly pray that I may obtain relief. A Subscriber. — I am enclosing an offering for the Missions, and would ask you to pray that I may regain my health. A Subscriber. — Kindly ask the Blessed Virgin to help me to find a position. Miss H., **Montreal**. — My daughter and myself have been ailing for some time past. If our Immaculate Mother cures us, I will send an offering for the Missions. Mrs. E. H. — I wish to obtain some special favours, and would ask you to make a novena for me. Mrs. M. H. — Please pray that my husband may regain his health. A Subscriber. — I would ask you to pray that I may obtain a special favour before long. When my request is granted, I will send an offering to ransom a dying Chinese baby. Mrs. M. — Would you kindly pray that I may obtain a spiritual and a temporal favour. Anonymous. — I am asking the Blessed Virgin to help my husband to obtain a position, and if she listens to my entreaty, I will send you a five years' subscription to THE PRECURSOR and an offering for the Missions. L. L. — Will you kindly say a special prayer for the mother of several little ones who is about to undergo a serious operation. A. J. — Please pray that I may find tenants for my flat, and that I may obtain some other favours. E. P. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. I am praying for the recovery of one dear to me, and, if my request is granted, I will publish my thanksgiving in THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. P. F. — Kindly ask the Blessed Virgin to intercede for a friend of mine, who has not been living up to his religion, and to obtain me another special favour. Anonymous. — I recommend to your prayers a person who has fallen away from his religion. Mrs. A. B. — Please pray that I may regain my health, if such be the Holy Will of God. H. M. — I have been sick for some time past. Kindly unite with me in asking our dear heavenly Mother to cure me. Mrs. G. S. — I am in very poor health. Please pray that I may have strength enough to bring up my little ones, and that I may obtain another special favour. Mrs. E. C. — I am subscribing to THE PRECURSOR for another year, and would ask you to pray that I may be restored to health. Mrs. R. J. — My husband suffers from rheumatism. Please unite with me in praying that he may soon be cured. Mrs. L. S. — Please pray that my sister may regain her health, and that I may obtain a position. Miss A. A., **Montreal**. — In all confidence, I am asking the Blessed Virgin to cure my little girl and to grant that my husband and myself may keep our health. Mrs. J. E. L. — Would you please make a novena for my daughter, who is not at all well. Mrs. J. — I have been sick for three years, and am unable to work. If I regain my health, I will send an offering for your missions. Mrs. P. B. — I wish to obtain a very great favour, and am enclosing an offering for a novena of lights in honour of the Blessed Virgin. Miss B. F. — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR, and would ask you to pray that my wife may be restored to health. J. B. D. — Please pray that I may not lose my position. Mrs. A. T. — I am in poor health, and am asking the Blessed Virgin to cure me, that I may be able to look after my little ones. Mrs. M. A. M. — Will you kindly unite with me in asking our Blessed Mother to grant that my husband may not lose his position. Mrs. R. M., **Southbridge, Mass.** — I am asking that my husband may keep healthy and that he may be preserved from all accidents. Mrs. A. G. — I would ask you to pray that I may obtain several spiritual and temporal favours. Anonymous. — I wish you would pray that my husband and my little girl may be restored to health. If I obtain the favours I am asking, I will send you an offering. Mrs. L. G. — Please pray that my brother may find work and that I may obtain two special favours. Mrs. J. M., **Montreal**. — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR, and would ask you to commence a novena for me. A. G. — I recommend to your prayers the souls of my deceased parents. 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may be brighter for me. Mrs. O. A. — I am writing to ask you to burn a novena of lights for me in honour of the Sacred Heart and our dear heavenly Mother that I may obtain a special favour. You will find enclosed an offering for the lights. A. B., **Montreal**. — I wish you would make a novena to our heavenly Mother and the Little Flower of Jesus, asking them to obtain me a very great favour. I am sending an offering for lights to be burned during the novena. L. G., **Westmount, Que.** — I am writing to ask you if you will please make a novena to Our Blessed Mother and St. Theresa and put my family under their care. I am sending an offering to ransom two dying babies. Mrs. R., **Truro, Mass.** — Enclosed you will find an offering for a light to be burned for my intention. Please ask our Blessed Lady and the Little Flower of Jesus to intercede for me. Mrs. G. — Please make a novena that my husband and my son may have better health, and that my son may get much needed employment. If the Little Flower grants our requests, I will send an offering for the Chinese babies. A Friend, **North Bay, Ont.**



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